

Error mars housing process for rising seniors

By DAN VERDEROSA
MANAGING EDITOR

A number of rising seniors hoping to live in McAuley residence hall were disappointed this past Monday, March 20, when a technical error in the housing process led to them being moved to the Ahern and Aquinas residence halls.

The error was due to a mix-up by RoomRez, the software company which handles the technical aspects of the housing process for Student Life. Apartments in McAuley buildings 300, 302, 304, and 306, which were supposed to be reserved for special interest housing, were instead listed as open, prompting a number of students to choose them at the beginning of the housing process.

Student Life was alerted to the problem when students who had reserved special interest housing in the residence hall noticed that their rooms were listed as available. According to Sarah Mansfield, associate director of Student Life, RoomRez was then contacted in order to correct the

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Student Government Association President John McNamara led the Processional at last Friday's Maryland Day Convocation.

Maryland Day honors awarded

By TERRY FOY
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Loyola's most dedicated and exceptional students, professors, and staff members were honored

at the Maryland Day Convocation last Friday, bringing to an end a week of "Fact and Fiction" themed programming.

"Maryland Day gives the College an opportunity to

celebrate its history and its present, by congratulating those who help to make it great," said Vice President for Academic Affairs David Haddad, who presided over the ceremonies.

Maryland Day is a state holiday established in order to memorialize the colony's founding. The day has special meaning at Loyola because it calls to mind the direct links between Catholicism and the Jesuit tradition with the state's inception.

Andrew White Medals, honoring the Jesuit who contributed to the founding of the colony of Maryland in 1634, were awarded to three notable writers with connections to Maryland who highlighted the event was readings of their own works.

David Simon, a former crime reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* and a writer/producer of the HBO series "The Wire," gave a stirring rendition of a West Baltimore neighborhood on a New Year's Eve night in the mid 1990s.

"My son told me the other night, when I told him what I was going to be doing this afternoon, he told me not to tell my stories with the bad words," Simon said before his reading. "But after looking through my books, I don't really have any of those."

Michael Glaser was Maryland's Poet Laureate and is a Writing professor at St. Mary's College. He read a number of fitting poems about the impact of Maryland on his life. Richard Ben Cramer is a decorated reporter who resides on the Eastern Shore, and he told a story of dealing with Jewish Law

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Hardy, Koontz ticket narrowly wins SGA election

By MARY SCOTT
NEWS EDITOR

After campaigning with the slogan, "Go Hardy or Go Home," juniors Mike Hardy and Jessica Koontz were elected Student Government Association president and vice president with a 53 percent majority vote on Wednesday, March 22.

Only 83 votes separated Hardy and Koontz from their competitors, Jen Zimmerman and Tim Snow, making it one of the closest election races of the year.

"I am very pleased with the outcome, I was pretty confident going in but I still had some doubts in my mind because Jen had such a strong campaign," said Hardy "It was exciting down to the end."

"I think that such a close vote says that there was no clear cut ticket that jumped out at the students. I think that the students felt that either one of these tickets was qualified to get the job done," said current SGA President John McNamara.

The first and foremost concern of Hardy and Koontz is the appointment committee to select their executive cabinet. While they have no definite cabinet members in mind, they are strongly considering Zimmerman and Snow.

"Jen and Tim definitely deserve spots on the cabinet, it would be a disservice to the college if they were left off," said Hardy.

Once their cabinet is assembled, they plan to begin work on fulfilling their campaign promises, particularly getting off-campus swipe access at local establishments.

"I'm going to push for getting off-campus swipes. I'd also like to push for getting student representation pushed to make sure the students are better represented around the College," said Koontz.

In the class elections, Blair Puscas was elected senior class



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Mike Hardy, Jess Koontz, Blair Puscas, Mike O'Keefe, and Sam Harvey had their ceremonial inauguration at the Maryland Day Convocation last Friday although their duties do not begin until after graduation.

president, Sam Harvey was elected sophomore class president, and Mike O'Keefe, who ran unopposed, was named junior class president.

Voter turnout was slightly lower than recent years, with a 44 percent turnout school-wide, but SGA Director of Student Affairs Kaitlin Maillet attributes this to the fact that the junior class president ran

unopposed.

"The reason turnout was a little lower than usual is because the junior class president ran unopposed. The senior class also had a lower turnout, which they usually do traditionally," said Maillet.

Only ten percent of the senior class and 40 percent of the

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The Student Government Association gathered together Wednesday night to hear the election results together.

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Troops rescue peace activists held hostage in Iraq

BY AMER MADHANI AND CHARLES SHEEHAN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Without firing a bullet, U.S. and British troops on Thursday rescued three activists working with a Chicago-based peace group who were abducted in the Iraqi capital four months ago.

Hours after detaining a man who told them he knew the exact location where the aid workers from the organization Christian Peacemaker Teams were tucked away, the troops swarmed a house west of Baghdad and found the men sitting in a room shackled and without a captor in sight.

The release of James Loney, 41, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, both of Canada, and Norman Kember, 74, of the United

Kingdom, provided a fleeting moment of good news on yet another dismal day of violence in Iraq that left at least 56 dead.

In the most deadly attack, 25 people -- including 10 civilians -- were killed when a suicide car bomber exploded his vehicle outside the Interior Ministry's major crimes unit in Baghdad's prominently Shiite Karradah district.

The peace activists were abducted Nov. 26 along with their American colleague Tom Fox. The Virginia man's bullet-riddled body was found dumped in a rural area in Baghdad two weeks ago. A previously unknown group calling itself the Swords of Righteousness Brigades claimed responsibility for the kidnappings.

For the friends and family of the men released from captivity, the joy was tinged

by the sadness of Fox's murder.

"We have longed for the day when all four men would be released together," Carol Rose, director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, told reporters in Chicago. "Our gladness today is made bittersweet by the fact that Tom is not alive to join in the celebration."

The whereabouts of another American who was abducted in January, freelance journalist Jill Carroll, remain unknown. Carroll has appeared in three videotapes delivered by her kidnappers to Arab news networks, and the deadline her captors set for killing her nearly a month ago passed without word about her fate.

"My expectation and hope is that the released hostages and the associated activities, in terms of information gathered, could help us bring about her release as well," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said in an interview with Fox News.

The peace activists released Thursday are devoted pacifists and part of an organization that opposes the presence of foreign troops in Iraq.

Members of the group, which had done work in Fallujah, Najaf and Karbala as well as Baghdad, had been investigating allegations of detainee abuse by coalition forces and roamed streets that few Westerners would be willing to walk without weapons or a security detail.

The three survivors were examined in a military hospital in Iraq and appeared to be in good health, according to members of the peace group. Although they had lost some weight, they were in good shape and there were no signs they were tortured, the peace group reported.

The announcement of their release first came in London, where British Foreign Minister Jack Straw told reporters that liberating the hostages was the culmination of efforts by British and U.S. troops with assistance from Canadian personnel.

"It follows weeks and weeks of very careful work by military and coalition personnel in Iraq and many civilians as well," Straw said.

But in Baghdad, Lynch said there was only about three hours between the time coalition troops learned of the hostages' whereabouts and when they found them.

Lynch said coalition troops had detained two men late Wednesday night. During an interview with one of the men about 5 a.m. Thursday, the detainee offered up the location of Kember, Loney and Sooden.

U.S. and British troops were dispatched to the site upon learning of it and monitored the house for a while before entering, Lynch said. By 8 a.m. Baghdad time, troops charged the home and the three hostages were discovered.

"When we got to the house where the hostages were located, there were no kidnappers," Lynch said. "No one was there. The three individuals were there by themselves."

At least 250 foreigners have been taken hostage in Iraq since the beginning of the war and 40 killed by their captors, including American businessmen, an aid worker with British, Irish and Iraqi citizenship and 12 Nepalese laborers who were beheaded.

The last hostage to be freed in a military operation was Douglas Wood, an Australian rescued in western Baghdad by U.S. and Iraqi forces June 15 after 47 days in captivity.



SSG LYLE GROSE, US ARMY/KRT

U.S. and British troops rescued three peace activists held hostage in Iraq since November 2005. A previously unknown group called the Swords of Righteousness has taken responsibility for the kidnappings.

Hahn to deliver Cardin Lecture

Barbara Hahn, Distinguished Professor of German at Vanderbilt University will present "Addressing Different Audiences: Hannah Arendt's Writing Between the United States and Germany" at the 21st Annual Jerome S. Cardinal Memorial Lecture this Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in McGuire Hall.

Hahn is an expert on German-Jewish culture and literature, as well as the author of *Hannah Arendt: Passions, People and Books*. Hahn's discussion will focus on Arendt, a German-Jewish political thinker, and his decision to rewrite and modify German literature for American readers rather than just translating. Hahn will discuss the impact Arendt's decision had on her own work.

The Cardin Lecture is designed to celebrate the junction of the Jewish and Christian faiths and encourage intercultural dialogue.

Justice in Jesuit higher education discussion set for March 31

"Justice in Jesuit High Education: Five Years of a National Movement," a discussion about academic excellence and social justice will be held this Friday, March 31 at 2 p.m. in the 4th Floor Programming Room.

Speakers scheduled to make an appearance include Heather Lyons, Fred Derrick, Sr. Catherine Gugerty, June Ellis, and three students from the JUSTICE club. Co-sponsors of the event include the Office of AVP, the Division of Business and Finance, and the Departments of Psychology, Modern Languages and Literatures, Sociology, Biology, and Philosophy.

Library to celebrate faculty publications

The Loyola/Notre Dame Library invites the College community to its 2nd Annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship on Thursday, March 30, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be held at the pond-side area of the main level of the library.

This event is aimed at highlighting the publications written by Loyola and Notre Dame faculty in the past year. There will be an exhibit of books, and printed bibliographies that include journal articles, as well as books, book chapters, and poems. Demonstrations of digital media

being used by faculty in their classes will also be

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Campus police responded to the Newman Towers West front desk to meet with the desk attendant. The DA informed the officer that two students walked by him carrying a twin bed frame. He asked the two students to stop, but they continued to walk past him. The officer checked the "Wave Reader" at base and found eight pictures of the two students carrying a twin bed frame from the second floor out of the NTW doors. After doing some investigating, the officer discovered the following: One student said that his friend had a twin bed in his room that was not being used. He was told that it was "OK" for him to use the bed and for him to return the bed at the end of the semester. The other student was not available for comment. No further action was taken.

Wednesday, March 15

A campus police officer responded to Millbrook Road for a stolen motor vehicle. Upon meeting with the student, she said that she parked her silver Dodge mini-van on Millbrook at about 8:40 p.m. Monday night. The student returned to get her car two days later and noticed that it was missing. She said she did not know the year of the vehicle, and her registration information was in the vehicle. She also said that she had a sticker on the window in the rear left side, but was not sure of her tag number. The student was advised to contact her parents to get more information about the vehicle. She was also told to contact BCPD.

Thursday, March 16

Campus police were contacted by a Loyola shuttle driver who reported the following: At 7 p.m. on the above date she was turning the corner at 5104 York Road when the shuttle she was operating struck a parked silver Nissan Altima on the right front passenger side. The shuttle bus made contact with the rear operator side causing no damage. The silver Nissan was observed to have a cracked front passenger side bumper, exposing the fog lamp approximately eight inches in diameter.

-compiled by Mary Scott

LC alumni give advice to survive as a writer

By KELLY FAGAN
STAFF WRITER

"Write and read. Take every opportunity to write. Read anything you can get your hands on." These were the words of the panelists during the first Maryland Day 2006 event. "The Writing Life: A Panel Discussion" featured a panel of five Loyola alumni pursuing writing careers in different fields who spoke about how to make a living out of a passion for writing.

The panel discussion, held on March 21 in the 4th floor Programming Room, was co-sponsored by The Loyola College, Career Center, the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Public Relations. David Belz, '78, from the Department of Writing served as moderator for the event.

Members of the panel were Chris Kaltenbach, '81, entertainment writer for *The Baltimore Sun*; Carrie Fox, '01, public relations consultant and founder of C. Fox Communications; M.C. Helldorfer, '76, children's books author; Valerie Shinnamon, '99, executive director for the Advertising Association of Baltimore; and Mary Rose Madden, '98, producer for WYPR in Baltimore.

After a brief overview of how each speaker got into his or her particular field, the panel discussed everything from the different career paths and possibilities in the world of writing to getting a foot in the door and making connections.

Each of the writers on the panel discussed the many failures along the way to finding a career. "Writing is not an easy road," said Kaltenbach. "It takes a lot of ego-bruising and a lot of persistence." Perseverance and



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passion brought success. But a common love for writing did not manifest itself only in authoring books. Fox works on different types of writing every day; her favorite part of her public relations work is being able to promote a new gourmet food product one day and the next day to write about how to save for college.

Helldorfer shared her fascination with writing. "The great part about being a writer," she said, "is you are never too old. You can have your first novel out at 70. The more experience you have, the more depth your writing will have."

Following their introductions, the

panelists were open to questions from the audience. They addressed multiple questions on finding a career in writing after graduation from Loyola. Every panelist advised hopeful writers to get as much experience as possible, through interviews, exploratory meetings, and volunteer programs with possible employers.

The key to making a living out of writing is experience, according to the panel. "Everybody has something to teach you," said Madden. "Writers get the chance to tell their stories," added Fox. Fox also gave a nod to Loyola's Career Center, saying it helped connect her with alumni in her field

before she entered "the real world."

When asked if Loyola prepared them for a writing career, the panel gave a unanimous "yes." The courses and professors helped direct them where to go with their writing. Kaltenbach was even the editor of *The Greyhound* for three semesters at Loyola.

The members of the panel chose very different paths to make a living out of their love for writing. Loyola helped guide them down their particular paths. The diversity of writing as exhibited through the panel powerfully realized this year's theme of Maryland Day to celebrate Maryland's rich literary tradition, in all its forms.

Nutrition week to focus on healthy choices

By MEGAN McCONVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Loyola will hold its annual Nutrition Education Week during the week of Monday, April 3. The main objective of the week is for students to learn about the food pyramid, what they need to have a healthy diet, and how to make healthy food choices.

Jeanne Lombardi, director of Student Health and Education Services, acknowledges that healthy eating is tough to do for students living on campus.

"It is important to know how to eat right when eating out, and how to successfully adapt to unusual eating schedules while at college," Lombardi said. "Hopefully, this week will help a lot of students to do just that."

The events planned for the week include "Nutrition & Body Image," "Chef's Fare," "Interactive Nutrition Booth," and "A Non-Diet Approach to Weight Management." A flyer will be sent around campus indicating the date and location of each event.

All of the events will have a nutrition expert present who will be available to answer questions and address concerns. Registered dietitians such as Erin Spotte, who specializes in personalized nutrition, and Deborah Kauffmann, whose area of expertise is body acceptance, are included among the nutrition experts. "These experts will be available to help students to

make informed choices and provide nutritional analyses of some typical college student diets," Lombardi said.

Lombardi emphasized the Chef's Fare as one of the most fun events of the week. "It will be like a chef's version of battle of the bands," she said. Great food is to be expected, and prizes will also be given away, including a College Guide to Eating Well on Campus.

The idea of a Nutrition Education Week evolved from a senior survey of services on campus, from which it became clear that many students wanted to see more of nutrition awareness from the school.

"We have so many people who work out at the FAC and who are concerned with their physical well-being, so this makes sense," Lombardi said.

Student Health Center employee and Nutrition Education Week co-helper Kimberly McCrystall sees this as an extremely beneficial event that will reach a lot of students.

"A lot of people here have negative body images that are untrue, and this week will help them to accept themselves and make healthier choices," McCrystall said. She also believes it will raise nutritional awareness. "Lots of planning has gone into this, so we expect it to be very successful," MyCrystall added.

The week is sponsored by Loyola student Health Services, Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), The Women's Center, and Sodexo-Marriott.

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continued from the front page during his time in Tel Aviv.

"It's a story of adhering to strict religious code, which I didn't think anyone in this crowd could relate to," Cramer said.

Alice McDermott was unable to attend because of a family emergency.

The Convocation, held in the Chapel, traditionally serves as the inauguration service for the newly elected SGA president, as well as a platform for a number of awards

to be presented by different constituencies throughout the College.

Mike Hardy, who was announced the winner of the election on Wednesday, took his oath of office Friday.

"It was surreal to stand there in front of everyone and realize that they're welcoming you into the fold," Hardy said. "Having everyone there is amazing."

Dr. Andrew Schoeffield, professor of Biology, was presented with the

Distinguished Teacher of the Year award, among the most anticipated announcements made annually at the Convocation and one of the highest honors for a Loyola faculty member.

"I think Dr. Schoeffield was an excellent choice for the award," Haddad said. "Everyone heard how the students responded when his name was called. It's clear that he has a great relationship with his classes and he's a valuable member of this community."

Dr. Stephen Walters, professor of Economics, won



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The Belles and Chimes, Loyola's a capella singing groups, perform "Maryland, My Maryland" at last Friday's Convocation.



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Rev. Brian Linnane, S.J., talks with Andrew White medalist Richard Ben Cramer during the Maryland Day Convocation.

the award in 2005. Schoeffield is the first Biology professor to win the award since David Rivers won it in 1999.

Neil Hickey, '53, was presented with the Alumni Laureate Award, which recognizes the attainments and contributions of outstanding graduates made to the College. Hickey is a contributing editor for the *Columbia Journalism Review* and has built for himself a distinguished career in journalism. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at the Columbia School of Journalism and was.

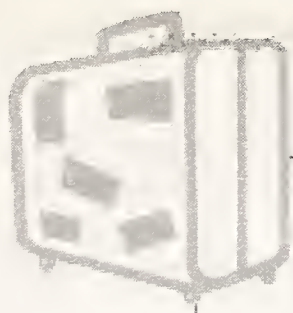
More than 70 seniors and 20 graduate students were honored with the title "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," an accolade for students who demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, service, and future potential. Among the students honored were men's basketball player Linton Hinds, JUSTICE Club President Joel Bumol, and

many others.

The Convocation was attended by a number of prominent Maryland officials, including Secretary of State Mary D. Kane and Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran. Representing various offices throughout the state of Maryland, the Convocation was just a precursor for Kane, Curran and the other members of the delegation who officially recognized Maryland Day last Saturday, March 25.

Maryland Day was punctuated by a reception in McGuire Hall open to guests and honorees.

"I thought they did a tremendous job preparing for the event," Hardy said. "I've participated basically in the same role twice now, and both times it has been a great celebration of the College. It is one of the few days on campus where everyone can take part in the work that people put in to make such an event so special."



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Study abroad programs expanded for more majors

By NATALIE SEROVY
STAFF WRITER

The Office of International Studies has recently created more options to study abroad for students whose majors are difficult to fit in with a study abroad program.

Both former year long programs in Newcastle, England and Cork, Ireland now offer students the choice of going in the fall only, since students with majors like engineering are usually unable to stay the full year.

Acala, Spain, which used to be for Spanish majors and minors, now has a spring program taught in english for business students.

“Loyola has several new opportunities as well as modified old options. For instance, the University of Paris affiliation was upgraded to a program on March 17,” said Joe Healy, associate director of International Programs.

Andre Colombat, director of International Programs, said that they are in the process of negotiating an African program with NYU in Ghana or with Monash University in South Africa.

They hope that the Africa program will be available for students by spring of 2007. As of now, students have the option to go to Africa, but it is through a non-Loyola

program, and only credits are transferrable to Loyola.

Loyola currently has nine programs, nine exchanges, four affiliations, seven summer programs and five non-Loyola opportunities, and this number continues to grow, as affiliations change into programs, and contacts in new countries are made.

As of now, about 47 percent of juniors go abroad, and according to Healy and Colombat, the College hopes that the number will grow as new opportunities arise and old programs expand.

The office of International programs encourages students to go abroad, and immerse themselves fully in the culture of the country in which they study.

The office of International Studies, now requires all students who go abroad to complete an immersion project.

The purpose of the project is to help students learn as much as they can about the county that they live in.

The Office of International Studies want students to experience culture separate from just the college lifestyle and setting.

College students are a minority in the world, and Loyola hopes that in their study abroad experiences students will “Step out of their comfort zone” to gain awareness and knowledge of people who are vastly different from them.

Humanitarian aid for illegal aliens should not be a felony, say Clinton, Specter

By DAVE MONTGOMERY
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON -- Two leaders in the congressional debate on immigration said Sunday that they don't want to turn “Good Samaritans” into criminals for offering food and shelter to illegal immigrants.

Thousands of immigrants protested in major cities last week, denouncing a House-passed bill that would make illegal immigration a felony. Those found guilty of aiding and abetting illegal immigrants would also face felony sentences.

Outraged relief workers say they could face up to five years in prison for providing immigrants with humanitarian assistance. “This bill would literally criminalize the Good Samaritan -- and probably even Jesus himself,” Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N. Y., said last week.

But Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Rep. Thomas Tancredo, R-Colo., interviewed Sunday on ABC's “This Week,” said they would work to make sure that a final immigration bill would not inadvertently punish those offering humanitarian help.

“Nobody is talking about prosecuting anyone for providing . . . soup at soup kitchens or a place of rest for somebody who turns out to be an illegal alien,” said Tancredo, leader of a coalition of conservative House Republicans calling for rigorous enforcement of existing immigration laws.

Specter, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that the House provision “is too broadly stated” and said he would press for changes “to be sure we're not criminalizing people who are providing humanitarian assistance.”

“If there is a need to do that, I'm more than willing to work at it,” said Tancredo.

The lawmakers said the aiding and abetting provision is aimed at criminals such as traffickers. Tancredo said the House measure is similar to a federal law that “has been on the books for years.”

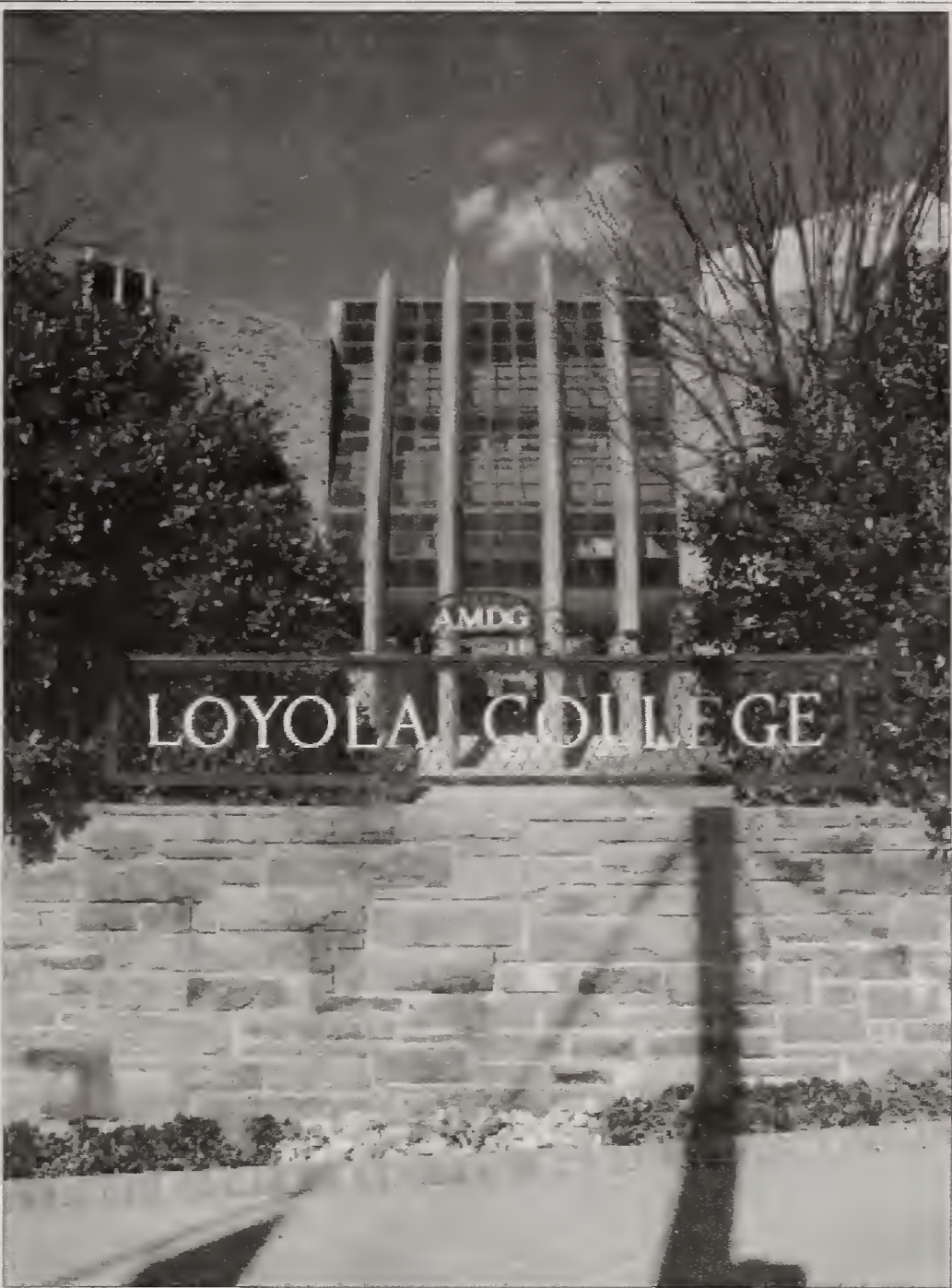
The Senate faces a volatile debate on its version of an immigration bill this week, with senators divided behind competing plans. Both would toughen enforcement measures; only one calls for a guest worker program and eventual legalization of millions of undocumented residents now in the country, features the House opposed.

Assuming a bill passes the Senate, differences between it and the House bill would have to be worked out. Specter's bill makes illegal immigration a criminal misdemeanor, subject to six months in jail. Illegal immigration is now a civil offense, punishable by deportation.

Specter's committee meets Monday in an attempt to write a comprehensive measure that would put millions of illegal immigrants on track to obtaining green cards, or permanent residency, and eventual U.S. citizenship. They would be required to pay fines, learn English and pass background checks over a six-year period.

Foreign participants in a guest worker program could also apply for permanent residency after six years under the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. Kennedy, interviewed on CBS' “Face the Nation,” dismissed opponents' charges that the bill gives “amnesty” to illegal immigrants.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., plans to present a more limited bill focusing on border security and enforcement if Specter's committee fails to complete its work by the start of debate on Tuesday. But Specter said he plans to keep the committee working late into the night Monday and expressed confidence that the panel would have a bill ready for the full Senate.



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Students reassigned housing after error

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mistake. The decision was made to move students who chose the reserved rooms in McAuley into Ahern or Aquinas.

"As soon as we realized it we physically moved all those students who were double booked into Ahern and then into Aquinas so we could try to keep all those students on the east side because based on their times they would've gotten on the east side," said Mansfield.

Student Life will have more control over the RoomRez software next year, ensuring that such a mistake is less likely to occur again.

Moving affected students into other east side residences was deemed to be the best choice because of the difficulties involved in restarting the housing process.

"There was no way to shut the process down or start the process over, the reason being that there was no way to coordinate with all the students who are abroad, all their proxies, all the students here in a timely fashion," said Mansfield.

"We did think about that for a split-second, but the best way to resolve it with the least amount of stress to the entire 1,900 people in the process was to get those students who were double booked immediately into east side housing."

But some students may have been told that the process would be redone. According to junior Bill Marych, a Student Life representative told him that housing would be restarted, causing confusion among students anxious to know where they would be living next year.

Said Marych: "The best thing would



CHRIS BLOCH/GREYHOUND

A technical error allowed some students to be assigned housing in McAuley that had already been given to students in special interest housing. They were later reassigned rooms in Ahern and Aquinas.

have been to just redo it. There would have been no confusion; everyone would have their times again."

But according to Mansfield, a number of mitigating factors would have interfered with such a plan, including coordinating around course registration, which began last week.

Students who were moved into Ahern or Aquinas received e-mails notifying them that a mistake had been made and steps were being taken to fix the error.

Mansfield expressed regret over the error, but praised students for how they handled the situation.

"I think the students handled it very well and I'm glad they did. We're very upset at what happened, but we tried to work very quickly to resolve it for students," said Mansfield.

For students like Marych and his roommate Dan Angello, this incident is representative of frustrations they have always had with the housing process.

"This is our senior year, we don't want to get messed up on housing. We want to live with our friends and things like that," said Marych. "By now, I feel like it should go smoothly, but it feels like it gets harder and harder every year."

For the most part however, student anger over the incident seems to have dissipated, mostly because no one was forced to move to the west side of campus, which historically houses mostly freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

"It didn't end that badly, we're still on the east side. It's not really that big of a deal," said Angello.

Voter turnout slightly lower than usual

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sophomore class voted. The junior and freshmen classes had the highest voter turnouts with them being 57 and 63 percent respectively.

"I think there were a lot of qualified candidates running for both sophomore and

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I have had good examples to learn from and I have some big shoes to fill."

— Jess Koontz

senior class presidents and that encouraged a lot of people to vote," said Maillet.

"I would like to offer my congratulations in the winners," said McNamara. "I'm confident that they're going to do a tremendous job."

"I feel that my experience of being on the executive cabinet has given me enough background to understand what the job entails. I have had good examples to learn from and I have some big shoes to fill," said Koontz.

All newly elected SGA officials had their ceremonial inauguration at the Maryland Day convocation last Friday. The SGA will hold elections for the Assembly beginning April 10.

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — An interested look at LC housing

A few weeks ago, *The Greyhound* ran a letter to the editor in which a student complained about the unfair nature of special interest housing on campus. With the mix-up in this year's housing process centered on "Career House" in the McAuley residence hall, special interest housing is again thrust into the spotlight.

The notion of special interest housing is theoretically sound, but put into place at Loyola, its value has tended to be specious. "Career House" is a good example. The idea of a group of students participating in programs aimed at aiding them find a career after college is a good one, but why should such programs, when they even occur, be limited to a select group of students?

Other programs, however, have seemingly no real value altogether. "Dawes House," for example, aims to bring together athletic students who participate in intramural sports. Besides making it easier for students to form or find an intramural sports team, "Dawes House" offers little else, certainly nothing that enriches the College.

Special interest housing also gives some students an unfair advantage in the housing process. While the majority of students are left to rely on a random lottery, students who are accepted into special interest housing are able to bypass the process and obtain housing that is usually among the most sought-after.

The selection process for special interest housing also gives some students an unfair advantage. For many programs, the current and future program leaders choose which students will be accepted, and the list of requirements for acceptance is usually quite short. This allows the leaders to accept students based on friendship, not qualification.

Special interest housing can work, but only if changes are enacted. Requirements that are more stringent, a reformed application process, and programs that clearly enrich the community are needed not only to ensure that only the most deserving students are accepted, but also to attract students who care about the program, not just the nice dorm they will get to live in.

If Student Life is not willing to make such changes, it is only proper to seriously consider eliminating special interest housing. In the name of fairness for the housing process and lottery system, such programs should not exist if they do not benefit the students and the College.

■ Exceptions to the Rule



Service opportunities in El Salvador

Encuentra, El Salvador is one of the international immersion programs offered by Loyola's Center for Values and Services. It is a small program which takes 14 administrators, staff, faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students to El Salvador for 10 days. The trip is a truly eye opening experience.

El Salvador is a country which has struggled for 20 years since the end of a crippling war. By the end, nearly 75,000 Salvadoran citizens were dead. Archbishop Oscar Romero, several Jesuit priests, and missionaries were also killed during the war.

Today, more than half the population lives in poverty and gangs have become so bad that the government will arrest any youth with a tattoo accusing them of being gang members.

While in El Salvador last summer the group and I met with youth related organizations. We met with

students of a high school who told us of their dreams to one day live in America; their goal of a good education and a job were unattainable in El Salvador. We met with a group that organized after school activities to stop kids from joining gangs.

We also spoke with a judge who was at risk of losing her job for fighting for the basic civil rights and decent living conditions of alleged gang members in the Salvadoran jails. Other groups we met with were still trying to reunite war orphans with their families.

Each year the group spends a weekend in a rural village called Arcatao. While there, a group of villagers took us on a 2-mile hike into the mountains on the same paths they used while fleeing from the army to seek refuge in the mountain caves. As we walked, one woman told us the story of her mother being tortured to death right in front of her eyes, as she

was asked the whereabouts of the guerilla forces.

The year prior to leaving for El Salvador the group does a lot of fundraising, which is given directly to the organizations that we visit. The group traveling to El Salvador this summer is going to be selling raffle tickets outside of Boulder for prizes such as iPods, and Orioles tickets on March 29-31 and April 3-4 around lunchtime.

They will also be holding a fiesta with live music from Geary for President and Bravo Romeo Bravo, as well as Chipotle burritos on April 5 from 5-7p.m. In addition, if you are interested in Encuentra, more information can be found at the Center for Values and Services Web site: www.loyola.edu/cvs.

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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What was the best aspect of Siblings Weekend?

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- Casino Night, I left with the Black Jack table and the Pacman machine.
- Introducing my lil' sib to Loyola's nightlife.
- Sending my sibling home!
- No siblings for me.

Last issue's poll: (results not scientific)
Where are you going on Spring Break?

- I'm going to my bed. My awesome, lovely, incredibly sexy, comfortable bed. (41%)
- On a search for my salt shaker. (36%)
- I'm taking my tiny umbrellas to the Bahamas. (17%)
- SBO is where I'll go. Volunteering makes my insides all fuzzy! (7%)

If Student Life is the problem, students must do without

A plea to Loyola's administration: please hold a forum to discuss students' problems with the housing process. And don't invite Student Life.

NICK BROWN

Too ambitious? Then here's a plea to the students: Hold your own forum to discuss problems with housing, both past and present. And don't invite Student Life.

These words are not meant in jest. I've come to realize that Loyola's housing process, the messiest and most feared administrative exercise on campus, will never change if we don't force it to. Student Life has held forums in the past to try to communicate with unhappy students, and one can only appreciate and respect this gesture.

But let's be honest, how much change can we expect to bring about if we communicate solely with the system representing the source of the problems? Do you think the PACs that lobby in Washington haven't first had meetings to decide what they are lobbying for? That the forefathers of the United States didn't put their heads together to come up with a strategy before taking on the Crown? It may be a sad fact that Loyola College -- and probably most others -- is a bureaucracy too immense for grassroots initiatives. But we can only try.

I'm speaking for the freshman last year who ended up without housing; for the four-person roommate groups split up because last year's "handbook" was too

unclear to navigate; for the handful of junior-senior mixed groups last spring who were split up due to flat-out misinformation regarding their lottery time.

“Let's be honest, how much change can we expect to bring about if we communicate solely with the system representing the source of the problem?”

— Nick Brown

But most of all, this time around, I'm speaking for the hoards of seniors booted from McAuley because Student Life -- an organization whose job it is to organize a chaotic process -- simply forgot to notify them that certain rooms in McAuley were not available. For those who don't know, I will offer a brief overview of the problem:

McAuley is a dorm reserved largely for special interest housing. It also happens to be the most popular and sought-after dorm on campus. Special interest roommate groups are placed prior to the general lottery process, and after they are placed, a certain number of rooms in McAuley remain empty and available. The seniors with the luckiest lottery times, therefore, select the remaining rooms and laugh and cheer and embrace as they dance off into the sunset.

The problem is, Student Life didn't tell this year's seniors which McAuley rooms had been reserved and which had not. The

list of “available” rooms in McAuley, it turned out, was actually a list of some available rooms and some unavailable ones. If a roommate group selected one of the unavailable rooms, they were not notified until after the fact, when they received an e-mail saying, essentially saying, “We regret to inform you that we'll have to relocate you.”

So, basically, without knowing it, a handful of seniors with early lottery times had a 50-50 shot of selecting a closed room. The message to those who did so: too bad -- you'll have to be moved.

And that message is the essence of the problem. It is not always possible to have a perfect system. Glitches occur, inevitably.

But for an administrative office whose structure has yielded unacceptably serious glitches for years, Student Life seems to be unfairly unwilling to take responsibility and work towards a better system.

Prior to writing this editorial, I communicated via e-mail with Leonard Brown, director of Student Life, to alert him to the fact that I would be writing, and to give him a chance to speak on behalf of the office. He was apologetic and understanding, and took full responsibility for the error. He assured me that the disappointment of facing students troubled him greatly, but that aside from the McAuley incidents, the process was successful. It would be unfair of me not to include in this editorial Mr. Brown's remarks; I appreciated them, and moreover, they

represent exactly what an administrative office should do in situations like this. Unfortunately, responses like his have been the exception rather than the rule through years of faulty housing processes. In fact, his empathy was the first I'd ever received from Student Life.

I and many other students have come to view Student Life as a generally unpleasant office which does not represent the interest of the students, and unwilling to listen when problems arise. For students, housing is more than an administrative matter of names and numbers. In college, living conditions are one of the strongest influencers of overall happiness. Students must be able to trust that if a problem arises, they can turn to Student Life for service and assistance, rather than denials of blame and empty dismissals.

If Student Life isn't going to provide that -- if we can only expect more lack of empathy, more red tape, and more requests to “please have patience” -- then we must push the issue. Am I the only one who is sick of having my complaints dismissed as unworthy? Of asking questions and being given formulaic answers not grounded on true conviction? We are being told of future improvements but being shown nothing. I only hope that Leonard Brown's honest response was the beginning of a new attitude, not just an isolated spot of charm.

Student Life: If you're trying, show us. We will work with you if we feel a mutual respect.

Students: Our patience has given us nothing but stagnation. Will we let it continue?

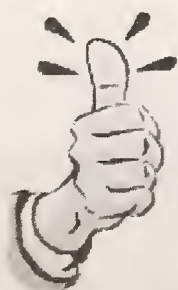
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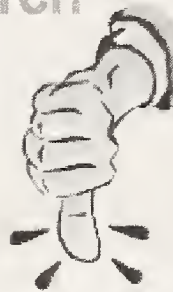
Crawling Seniors - Frequenting Fell's is more of a trend for underclassmen, but Saturday gave Seniors a chance to re-hash memories of screaming “Pour some sugar on me” at Greene Turtle. Even though no one adhered to the crawl schedule, showed up at every bar about an hour early, and some bars didn't even know we were coming, the night was a great success.

Tour This - Whether it's playing inappropriate music, shouting lewd comments, or showcasing your favorite adult entertainment in your dorm window, there isn't anything quite as fun as messing with campus tours. As prospective students are trying to get a taste of Loyola, it's our responsibility to give them and their parents a preview of the corruption future students will be subject to. So when you're still drunk the next morning and walking shamefully, don't be embarrassed -- you're just doing your part.

Hookah Bar - If you're looking for an alternative to a night of drinking, may we suggest hookah? With sweet sounds of “Aicha” in the background and live entertainment provided by sword balancing belly dancers, the Zeeba lounge in Fed Hill creates great ambience for hookah-ing with your friends.



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Facebook Frauds - Last time we checked, Facebook is for stalking the people you don't know, not the people you do. By only allowing your friends to see your profile you are defeating the purpose of Facebook. What is it that you're hiding that your 400+ friends are only fortunate enough to know. If you're going to be so exclusive then we hope you are only looking at your friend's profiles, too.

Really Not Famous - Like a slew of reality show participants, Kristin from Laguna has made celebrity out of being a bitch to L.C. Since when does simply living in the “real” Orange Country deserve the attention of gossip magazines, blogs, and Nick Lachey. Face it Kristin, in reality, you're really not that famous.

Bracket Busters - Thanks to the likes of George Mason and LSU, our NCAA brackets are pretty much screwed. While we all love a good Cinderella story, it's not as fun when it has cost you a large amount of money. Although, if you hate Duke so much, you probably shouldn't have picked them to win in the first place.



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Higher quality products and service, but a lack in civility

Let me begin by saying that I hardly consider myself to be an investigative journalist. My experience over the last six months

the cashiers and the supervisors - but that would take much more space than I use for this column. Rather, I would like to examine just why stores like Eddie's are so appealing and appalling.

The truth is, these stores are selling more than groceries. People don't come into Eddie's just for a good deli sandwich or some fresh-squeezed orange juice, otherwise I wouldn't have seen \$60 boxes of

cereal and \$30 rolls of toilet paper selling like hotcakes.

People come to Eddie's to purchase a state of mind. If for only a few moments, they can savor the feeling of superiority that comes with being waited on hand and foot.

"But what's wrong with that?" one might ask. "If people want good service, and they're willing to pay for it, there's no problem."

No, there is no problem with service, but there is a difference

between service and servitude. Eddie's offers the latter. Employees, making little more than minimum wage, are at your disposal, not just to help make your grocery shopping experience as pleasant as it can possibly be, but also to establish the master-servant relationship that is so hard to find in today's society.

No, there isn't anything wrong with us taking your groceries out of the cart and putting them on the conveyer belt for you, despite the fact that you are a fully capable adult; but why do we foster an environment where you don't feel the need to say "thank you," after we do it?

No. There is nothing wrong with having people on hand to bag your groceries and help you take them out to your car, but why do we allow you to talk to them like children?

I have had everything from trash to hundred dollar bills thrown at me and been yelled at for everything from the price of juice to the crispiness of the five dollar

bill that I give in change. I decided that I had enough when a man lectured me on the way in which I asked him whether he wanted a paper or a plastic bag, telling me that I was wrong for asking,

"Is plastic okay?" instead of "Will that be paper or plastic?"

That was truly the dumbest thing I had ever heard. His lack of perspective astounded me. Where else in the world could a person make a moral judgment on something so ridiculous and begin preaching about it? Where else in the world could someone be so rude without worrying about consequence?

Now, I don't write this to bash Eddie's customers or demand that all reasonable individuals stop shopping there.

In fact, I've shopped at Eddie's, and I'm not completely sure that I won't again, but the purpose of this column is just to expose how even the most refined individuals can throw civility out the window when they are allowed to do so.

Buying a \$60 box of cereal does

entitle a person to the highest quality product and the best service, and it may even entitle them to a superiority-high. That's what they pay for. But, it in no way entitles someone to disrespect another human being.

I wouldn't doubt that some of the people I have described in this article are courteous and thoughtful and make real contributions to the "outside world," but something about walking through those doors causes them to completely forget that they are still a part of a civil society.

So, the next time we find ourselves at a gourmet grocery store, or anywhere else for that matter, perhaps we should remember that practicing civility still applies when we interact with those who serve us.

I think the Book of Matthew puts it best: "And the King will answer and say to them, 'I say to you, as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"



as a cashier at Eddie's Gourmet Grocery Store, however, have made me feel like I was working undercover. While on the "inside," I was actually able to see the truth about what money can buy these days and just how civil our society is.

Although I have worked as a cashier at a grocery store at home on and off since my senior year in high school, upon beginning work at Eddie's, I knew that this particular store was not at all like the Shop 'n Save in Indiana, Pa. Nothing -- except for already knowing a few of the 4-digit produce codes by heart -- could have prepared me for this job.

During the first week, I recognized how sheltered I've been from some of the cruel stereotypes and prejudices that exist in our society. I was constantly reminded that accomplishments are by no means the norm for people of my race. It was as though I had to prove myself to people whom I should not have even been concerned about.

When the senior cashier told me that she immediately knew that I was a "good one" and when the man counting money in the back told me that he knew I wasn't from Baltimore because he "could actually understand" me when I spoke to him, I had to fight the urge to just ask, "What is THAT supposed to mean?"

I also had to learn not to scowl as managers widened their eyes in shock when I told them that I was a Loyola student with a double major in Political Science and Spanish.

Every day, I was so glad just to come back to Loyola, where I didn't have to prove my worth or establish my intellectual ability because such was already assumed due to the fact that I am a student here.

While at the store, however, I was forced to endure the blows of racism, sexism, and classism on a regular basis. Now, it would be easy for someone to say that my experiences were just the result of a few ignorant individuals, but that would be the perspective of someone coming from the "outside."

As an employee at Eddie's, I had unique insight into exactly what type of store this was and exactly what they were selling.

I would love to go into the racial, sexual, and intellectual demographics of each of the positions offered at Eddie's, because believe me, there are noticeable differences between the baggers and the cashiers, between

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On the Quad

What was most frustrating about the housing process?

by Kristen Cesiro
&
Ali Dykhhouse



"The whole thing."
Ryan Borg, '07, Biology



"Having a roommate who didn't pay his housing deposit."
Steve Borsje, '09, Undeclared



"Having to find a 6th roommate"
Allie James, '08, Public Relations



"The internet slots were too short."
Sarah Orschelin, '09, Political Science



"The time slot lottery system seemed fixed."
Kyle Kinnamon, '08, Undeclared

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Ali Dykhhouse on the quad.

Loyola's culture needs to grow beyond just drinking

Here's a question:

As Loyola grows and takes on smarter and smarter students, how are we going to

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keep them here beyond their first year? In exit interviews of freshman that transferred out of Loyola this year, one of the top three reasons for their leaving was the fact that there was nothing to do on campus besides drink. They could not find fast friends among tequila, vodka, and light beer as so many of us were able to do. And though our smelly library is a great place to hang out until 2 a.m. most nights, it closes early on Fridays.

While it seems that no more students transferred out of Loyola this year than any other year, my concerns remain for the future. As incoming freshman classes grow in size, so will they grow in diversity, both ethnic and intellectual. We may soon see a decline in the completely monogamous drinking culture at Loyola, simply by the fact that people won't be satisfied with drinking. Even now, different students don't enjoy limping around York Road or Fell's Point with kamikazes racing through their blood. And night after night, more students will be less likely to drop \$40 on thirties of cheap beer, just so the bitterness can be chugged down easier, faster.

Drinking won't be as glamorous for many

Makeup and hair can't make white-black, black-white

A few weeks ago, while on Spring Break, I made it my mission to see the premiere episode of "Black.White," the new reality show on the F/X network. The premise of the show is this, two families -- one black

CHRISTOPHER NELSON

and one white -- are physically transformed so that they become members of the opposite race. The transformation, however, isn't a real transformation, it isn't even a drastic makeover. What it amounts to is each participant being caked in makeup which makes them appear to be either "black" or "white."

In essence the show fails to fundamentally alter the appearances of those involved in the project. What the show is however able to do is to chronicle the experiences of two families who in effect pose as members of the opposite race. The intention of the show is to put on display for all to see how race is lived in America. How the show is being perceived however may detract from its intended effect.

There are those who believe that by having their appearances altered each family will begin to understand what it means to be "black" or what it means to be "white." It is admirable that the respective families would want to even try to understand what the experience of the other is like. Part of addressing the intricacies and complexities of race is understanding various perspectives. Each family is essentially trying to walk a mile in the other's shoes.

There are those who say that believing that a change in appearance, makeup, changes in clothing selection or any other changes of that sort, believing that those things could ultimately facilitate some sort of deep understanding is shallow, ignorant, and above all naive. Those who see the show as problematic feel that the history of African Americans, that their shared stories, and that part of their unique experiences are being lost in all this. They also feel that Caucasian Americans are not being allowed to be true to who they really are. Many have asked how you can boil down centuries of history, to what amounts to an experiment.

The fact is that what the presence of "Black.White" on our television screens

of the students who come here in the next few years, it will be boring; and, without more to do on campus, so will Loyola.

While the great majority of administrators and a number of students agree that drinking is a problem at this college, I don't see enough energy being placed into actually fostering activities that are better than drinking. Instead there seems to be a general malaise when asked this difficult question, "What else can we do?"

Some may say that there is plenty to do around Baltimore, and even on campus if students don't wish to drink. But the fact is that many students, especially freshman, have no way to get off campus at night, nor should they have to. And as to activities on campus, I agree, there are some events, but there needs to be more.

This said, credit should be given to those working on providing alternatives. Late Night has consistently created entertaining events like Coffee House, concert series, and the occasional movie for students. And the student-run program OPTIONS comes up with some great trips.

But these programs provide only sporadic entertainment as compared to Loyola's constant day-to-day grind. Consistent activities that students can count on are needed at Loyola; not just week to week events to break up the grueling monotony.

The ideas and effort to drive these activities must come from student

does is, it demonstrates a need. There is most certainly a clear need for a continued dialogue on issues such as race. This discussion need not only take place on this college campus, but on other college campuses, in primary and secondary classrooms, in offices, in businesses, and in homes across this nation.

This has been made evident by the fact that people have responded both positively and negatively to the new show. Likewise, our own community endeavoring to discuss the racial divides seen when people go to the polls, when discussing affirmative action, and when discussing what it takes to create communities which are more inclusive and more representative.

The fact is that as a community of people who supposedly seek to be enlightened about a variety of issues makes it incumbent upon us to not overlook issues as critical as race. Sometimes we equate a discussion centered on race with a discussion centered on diversity.

While race is an important component of any discussion on diversity, it is not the only issue of importance. There are other social identifiers which need to be discussed, and are also essential.

organizations like RAC and SGA. And both must take the issue that Loyola's drinking culture seems to be the only culture, seriously.

Recently, Mike Hardy and Jessica Koontz were elected as the new SGA presidents. During their term, I'll be interested to see what ideas come out of the SGA, and whether or not the hard question will be treated with the malaise it has been in the past. I know ideas are hard to come by, so I'll give you all one for free:

Make McManus into a movie theater on Friday and Saturday nights. Loyola could buy B-movies that are no longer in theaters and play them for students during the weekends. There are B-movie theaters all over the U.S. that play these kinds of movies for cheap. They charge patrons three or four dollars, and people enjoy themselves. Loyola might even be able to do it for cheaper. If the SGA places its effort and excitement behind this idea and others like it, there's no question that it could achieve its goals.

I know I can't ask Loyola's students to change the drinking culture here anymore than I can ask people to stop driving cars. Alcohol, like the gas that powers our cars, has created a way of life here that people aren't so keen to give up. But if we can't provide anything to do for students besides drinking, then why should they stay? Why should Loyola be anything more than a bar with a greyhound as its mascot?

Those other identifiers include ethnicity (some say their ethnicity is distinct from their race), class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, and ability, (physical and mental).

Having an open and honest discussion is the first step towards understanding various perspectives. Understanding like this moves people a step closer toward embracing a society made up of a broad cross section of people.

A true discussion of diversity seeks to promote open mindedness and tolerance. A true discussion of diversity seeks to offer acceptance and affirm the experiences of everyone as being valid and true.

When we truly understand where people are coming from we are able to come away with an understanding of shared values, which can lead to a shared vision, but without a willingness to raise our voices in support of equity and justice, our lives may not be transformed, and our lives may not be enriched.

The work of understanding diversity, of promoting inclusivity, isn't done overnight, and not all the underlying issues have necessarily been made clear in black and white.

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France sees music monopoly, Apple just wants to compete

Leave it to the French to take the necessary steps in leading the world toward a socialist Hell. Not since Microsoft was

be forced to share its technology with any competitor that demands it; otherwise a fine would be issued. Therefore, the music-

continually forced to develop better ideas and technology to compete with Apple. This, in turn, would force Apple to also

consumer ends up being the victim because no new ideas appear on the market and the companies can agree on a set price that will not be fair to the customers. Here we see the beginnings of the unionization of the music downloading industry, which is the worst-case scenario for the buyers.

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deemed an illegal monopoly by a federal district court judge in 1999 has such a high-profile American company been prosecuted by a federal government.

Recent legislation in the government of Europe's third-largest music download market has attempted to limit the power of Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod music player and iTunes online music store. Apple's enormous success has not been taken well in France, where lawmakers claim that the American computer giant's market power is creating a monopoly in the industry.

The iPod, which accounts for two thirds of the world's music players sold, and iTunes, which has quickly become the leader in online music sales, are strictly interconnected. Apple's software currently does not allow music from other sources other than iTunes to be played on the iPod.

This is a shortcoming that Apple promulgates to its iPod consumers before purchasing, and it is the consumers' responsibility to understand that limitation in Apple's services. However, consumer groups believe that customers are restricted by Apple's hold on the music download industry and are not allowed a real choice. To solve the problem, French legislators are trying to demonstrate that Apple's exclusive design is anticompetitive behavior. If this is sufficiently shown, then Apple will be forced to share its formatting with competing companies if it expects to do business in France.

At the discretion of a judge, Apple would



The close operational relationship between iPod and iTunes is causing trouble in a French legislator that seeks to curb what it sees an Apple music monopoly.

loving Frenchman would be able to download music from sources other than iTunes but still play the music on an iPod and also download music from iTunes and play it on other music players.

In summary, Apple is forced to give out their ingenious designs to companies who could not develop their own. Somehow, that breeds fair competition. However, it seems that companies would no longer be motivated to compete, considering that all companies would be placed on the same playing field under any circumstances.

For example, the French music retailer Fnac is a domestic competitor with Apple in France and under normal circumstances, Fnac and its employees would be

continually develop better ideas and technology, assuming that Apple's employees want to keep their jobs. This ends up being better for the consumer because better and cheaper technology is constantly developed.

However, by forcing the most efficient company to share its technology with all of its competitors, the French have effectively removed any incentive to develop better technology for us, the consumers. What is the point for Fnac's employees to work hard when they are guaranteed to be just as good as Apple anyway? And as a result, Apple is also no longer forced to develop better technology, since the company is no longer competing with anyone. Consequently, the

Imagine being punished for doing your job too well; that is the scenario that the French government has created in their attempt to create "fair" competition. Why would anyone want to compete when it is known that being too successful may lead to penalization?

In their attempt to become the most successful company, Apple decided to remain exclusive and not share its products with its competitors. That was the decision of the executive officers of Apple Computers Inc., and their company's success relied on their judgment. The company could have floundered or flourished because of that decision, but regardless of the success of the company, it was their decision to make.

Neither the French government nor competing companies should have any say in how Apple runs its business. The consumers dictate the company's functioning through demand. If customers are unwilling to buy Apple's products because they are limiting, then Apple may decide to change their sharing policy in order to attract more buyers.

If you have a problem with how Apple runs its business, then do not do business with Apple. The solution is either to find a suitable alternative or do it yourself. Running and complaining to your local official is not the answer. Government intervention only complicates and worsens the market, especially for the consumer.



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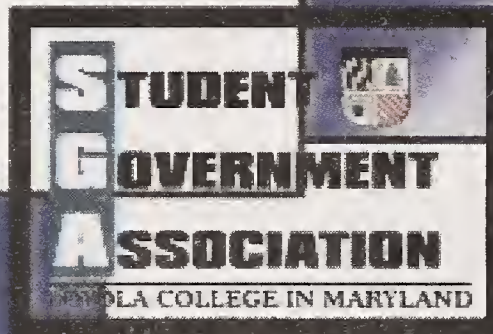
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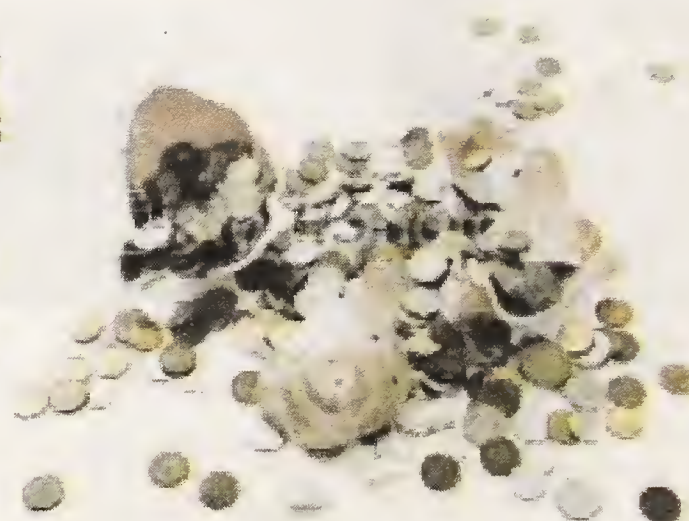
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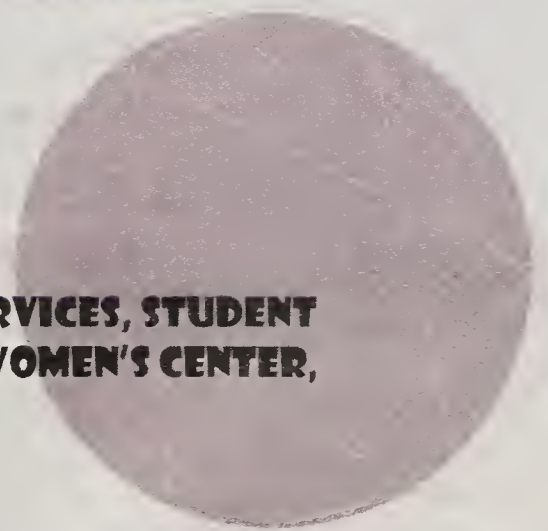
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Despite setbacks, cast ready for "Joseph" musical

BY LARYSSA WYRSTIUK
STAFF WRITER

Walking into a rehearsal for the upcoming on-campus production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," I couldn't help but be overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and interest bubbling among the cast and crew as they gathered around a table painting designs on colorful foam visors.

Despite the fact that the Maryland Day Convocation had interfered with their practice time and had forced them to delay their schedule, all involved were bustling, getting fitted for their costumes and chatting happily. I guarantee that no matter what the outcome of the show, audience members will be refreshed by the joy and heartfelt authenticity of the cast members and crew.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, opened in 1981 at a theatre in New York's East Village and ran for over seven hundred performances. Since then, a film adaptation has been made, numerous theatre companies, schools and organizations have produced it, and many people have certainly become familiar with the title, if not the biblical story upon which the musical is based.

When asked what makes Loyola's production unique, Catherine Trimarco '06, co-



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The cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" lines up during a number. The musical faced some uncertainty initially, but director Catherine Trimarco, '06, feels that the show is coming along nicely. No admission will be charged, but donations to the Jamaican Experience will be accepted.

directing alongside Jess Krenek '06, responded "Admission is free and open to everyone...we're also going to take a collection for the Jamaican Experience."

Attendees are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. The Jamaican Experience is a faith based program inspired by the Gospel's support of work for Mandeville in Jamaica.

For all involved, the show has been a test of dedication and faith, especially since the production

was almost cancelled. Father Orr, who unexpectedly surrendered his duties as producer while the show was still in its planning stages, left the student actors and directors with a sense of uncertainty.

"It's been a struggle. It's been a lot of fun but also at the same time pretty stressful because we were just thrown into it and then we didn't really know how we could get the resources. Rev. Orr, S.J. had already taken care of the books and all that but we didn't know where

we would get the money to pay for it. Pete Rogers has been extremely helpful and has pretty much taken Father Orr's place as producer," Trimarco said.

The cast is large, about twenty students, and each member has experienced their own difficulties as well as moments of enthusiasm. Ryan Sekac '09, who plays Joseph, has been struggling with the memorization of the order of about thirty different colors mentioned in the song "Joseph's Coat." He

says, "It's been fun. This is my first lead role ever. Learning those colors has certainly been a challenge."

Catherine Jahn '07, another cast member, had many good things to say about her fellow actors: "[They are a] great cast and crew [and are] such wonderful people to work with."

Because the production will take place in the Alumni Memorial Chapel, the set will be limited but the atmosphere will be lively with the energy of the attendees. "When we did "Godspell" last year we actually packed the entire chapel; we even had people up in the choir lofts. We're hoping to have the same turn-out this year," Trimarco said.

What's lacking in set, however, will be made up for in bright and colorful costumes.

"Student Activities has helped us out a lot, and the theatre has been extremely helpful with costumes and props," Trimarco said.

"I think everyone should see the production. It's really a great show. It's for little kids, it's for adults, it's a lot of fun, and there are a lot of good numbers in it that will get everyone involved. The show takes you from beginning to end, tells you everything," Trimarco said.

The performances will take place in the Alumni Memorial Chapel on March 30, 31, and April 1 at 7p.m. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

Big Tobacco under fire in "Thank You for Smoking"

BY KEVIN TULISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Tool's Rating:
3.5 out of 4

In our nation's current state of bipartisan bickering, it's nice to see a politically-driven comedy that doesn't discriminate between left and right in highlighting the absurd. While it primarily lampoons Big Tobacco, "Thank You for Smoking" goes the extra step and cuts down lefty environmentalists and untrustworthy reporters, to results that can be both hilarious and disconcerting.

"Thank You for Smoking" follows the exploits of the aptly-named Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart), chief spokesman and spin master for the cigarette industry. With a greasy haircut and a slick tongue, Nick is gifted with the ability to convince anyone of anything -- which, of course, he is willing to auction off the highest bidder. "Michael Jordan plays ball. Charlie Manson kills people. I talk," he says.

Based on a novel by Christopher Buckley, the film holds back little in its efforts to exaggerate and criticize the free

reign of Big Tobacco, to the point where the embellishments don't seem so unrealistic. The world of Nick Naylor is so convincingly conveyed as the dastardly results of unchecked capitalism that, in the end, it's hard to find comfort in the fact that it was "just a story."

Some of his arguments in favor of Big Tobacco would make some of my more liberal friends tear their seats off the theater floor and hurl them at the screen. However, the bleakness of its message is blunted by clever use of stereotypes and a generous amount of black humor -- Nick and his buddies (who have dubbed themselves the M.O.D. Squad, or "Merchants of Death") compare the kill counts of their respective industries to see who is more at risk of abduction by do-gooder eco-terrorists. You laugh, but it's more of an "Oh my god, did they just say that?" kind of laugh.

A strong supporting cast behind Eckhart provides the meat of the political commentary. William H. Macy plays Vermont Senator Ortolan Finistire, the Birkenstock-wearing man-of-the-people with a particular distaste for Big Tobacco -- he conceives of the grotesque "POISON" labels that the



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Aaron Eckhart plays the slick tobacco company representative Nick Naylor in the new film, "Thank You for Smoking." The movie portrays all of the parties involved as being self-interested.

government attempts to place on cigarette packages, generating the initial conflict in the film.

Robert Duvall plays the unapologetic tobacco kingpin known only as "the Captain," from whom Nick and his organization take most of their commands. Rob Lowe represents Hollywood as Jeff Megall, who, like Nick, is willing to sell his skills and influence. Finally, Katie Holmes plays reporter Heather Holloway, who is prepared to do anything (and anyone) to get the big story.

Director and screenwriter Jason Reitman skillfully adapts the novel for the screen, leaving in many literary tactics to effectively communicate the humor of Buckley's writing. The plot is sewn together by Eckhart's narration, and Reitman isn't afraid to use various cinematic tools to make his points: freeze-frames, subtitles, and inlaid graphics make the satire more complete than acting could on its own.

My favorite image is a slow-motion shot of Eckhart speaking

at a podium -- except instead of words, machine gun fire is heard. It's a clever image of how rhetoric can be a powerful weapon.

The most important scenes, however, come in the conversations between Nick and his son, played by Cameron Bright. Nick is molding the boy into his slick-talking protégé, who ends up being more like his father than the audience should be comfortable with. Nick's biggest ethical decisions focus on his son, but many of them don't have the warm and fuzzy results that a father-and-son Ferris Wheel ride should have. It shows how deeply entrenched Nick is in his job, and he loses sight of what is really important.

The best part of the movie is that it consists entirely of bad guys -- even the left-wing politicians and dutiful journalists can be as sleazy and underhanded as Big Tobacco. It's not a battle between good and evil; it's a standoff between equally self-centered values.

It's a dark atmosphere that provides for great entertainment, and is worth the vague feeling of guilt that you'll go home with. If you're at all politically inclined, "Thank You for Smoking" is not to be missed.

Spotlight on Baltimore writers: a city rich in literature

BY CARA WEIGAND
STAFF WRITER

Maryland Day celebrates the day settlers landed in the new world at what is now St. Mary's County, Md., on March 25, 1634.

The holiday is a time for people to recognize the state in which they live and what it has to offer the public. Maryland not only offers the Chesapeake Bay, crabs, and Baltimore and Annapolis, but the state is also rich in history. The annual Maryland Day is a great way to learn something about the history of the state.

Maryland is home to many literary legends of our time and time passed. A few of these are Edgar Allan Poe, H.L. Mencken, and Tom Clancy.

Whether you celebrate Maryland Day by heading to Annapolis, Fells Point, or even York Road the holiday is a time for citizens to explore the history and appreciate what the state has to offer.

"The sage of Baltimore": writer H. L. Mencken



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H.L. Mencken was one of the most famous newspaper men in the country and was famed for his wit.

H.L. Mencken, known as the "Sage of Baltimore" was a great American critic, author, and newspaper man. Mencken grew up in the German section of Baltimore, where his father was a cigar maker and eventually ran his own tobacco firm. Mencken passed on the opportunity to move to New York and lived in Baltimore all his life. He is quoted as referring to New York as "a third-rate Babylon" and calling Baltimore "the immense protein factory of the Chesapeake Bay."

Mencken attended the nearby Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. "Happy Days," his biography up to his twelfth year, is an account of a bourgeois childhood in Baltimore. At age eight, Mencken was given a small press as a Christmas present. Due to trouble Mencken had when learning how

Spy thriller novelist and LC grad Tom Clancy

A more recent author associated with Baltimore is Tom Clancy. Tom Clancy was born and raised in Baltimore. He attended Loyola Blakefield in Towson and studied English Literature at our own Loyola College, graduating with the class of 1969. He explained in a message to the Usenet Newstroup (alt.books.tom-clancy), that he studied English because "I wasn't smart enough to do physics."

Tom Clancy not only shared a love for English and literature but also for sports. In 1988 he made an unsuccessful attempt to purchase the Minnesota Vikings. However, he is currently the Vice Chairman of Community Projects & Public Affairs for the Baltimore Orioles.

Clancy's most recent novel was "The Teeth of the Tiger," which was published in 2003. If you enjoy reading military science, Cold War, and technically detailed works, Tom Clancy is an author you should look into.

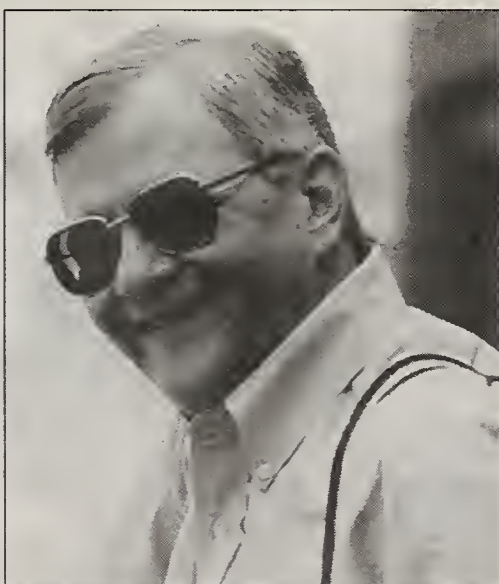


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Tom Clancy, '69, is famous for his naval and spy novels, including "The Hunt for Red October," "Rainbow Six," and "The Sum of All Fears."

Baltimore's ever gothic, always mysterious Poe

Edgar Allan Poe did not move to Baltimore until 1833. He lived in a small row house that still stands at 203 Amity Street. Poe spent his time in Baltimore writing short stories to support himself.

A delirious Edgar Allan Poe was found on the streets of Baltimore on October 3, 1849 and taken to Washington College Hospital, where he died on October 7. Though the cause of Poe's death was never found, partly due to the fact that he was not coherent enough to explain how he had come to the strange mental state and disheveled clothes he was found in, doctors are convinced that his death was due to alcoholism.

Because of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904, most of the city's Poe-related sites have been lost. However, there are a few options if you are interested in taking a look at the celebrated writer's past. The Baltimore Poe House and Museum, which was his actual home at 203 Amity Street, provides many videos, stories, and objects all relating to Poe, and his works. Another site is Poe's grave at Fayette and Greene Streets, where tourists can pay their respects to the writer and learn about the famous "Poe Toaster."

The "Poe Toaster" is an anonymous individual, who since 1949, on the

anniversary of Poe's birth, comes to the cemetery to pay his respects and leave a bottle of cognac and three roses on Poe's grave. Though the significance of the cognac is uncertain, many of the bottles from past years are on display at the Poe House and Museum. It is not certain, but the three roses are believed to represent Poe, his mother-in-law Maria Clemm, and his wife Virginia. The three individuals' remains are found beneath the monument.



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Edgar Allan Poe resided in Baltimore for the last seventeen years of his life.

to set the lowercase r's he decided to use "H.L. Mencken" instead of the full "Henry L. Mencken."

The Christmas gift gave Mencken a thirst for the press and he became a newspaper man. After much persistence he received a job at the old *Baltimore Morning Herald* in 1899, and later at *The Baltimore Sun* in 1906.

Mencken had a special passion for the Pratt Library and spent much of his time there, and eventually was where he left most of his collection of works. The large collection is stored in a special room on the third floor. The room is open to the public only once a year on Mencken's birthday in September.

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The Yeah Yeah Yeahs are back in force and good form

By **TOM KORB**
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Yeah Yeah Yeahs — *Show Your Bones*

2006 Interscope Records
 ★ ★ ★ ★ (out of 5)

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs have come a long way from their early club days in NYC. Their second album, *Show Your Bones*, is being released this week to considerable hype. Everything seemed to change for the Yeahs after the breakout success of the single "Maps" from 2003's *Fever to Tell*. They were once a favorite underground art-punk act from Brooklyn with an erratic live performance fronted by possibly the last real female rock star, Karen O. Now, they've collectively strolled many a red carpet, and Karen O even found herself a Hollywood director (now ex) boyfriend.

In the two years after touring for *Fever to Tell*, little news came out of the Yeahs' camp. Drummer Brian Chase and Guitarist Nick Zinner worked on other projects back in the underground until a tripped-out Adidas commercial directed by Spike Jonze (O's ex and director of *Being John Malkovich*) employed the song "Hello Tomorrow."

Featuring a gorgeously whispered female voice over a gentle acoustic guitar, computerized xylophone, and cello, the song immediately grabbed the attention of internet queries the world over. It was soon revealed that the sultry voice was none other than that of Karen O. "Hello Tomorrow" instantly suggested that Karen O and the Yeahs might have more potential than everyone, including themselves, could have predicted.



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Karen O, lead singer of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, performs live. The band has just released their first new album in three years, *Show Your Bones*. The album shows a definite maturation.

"Gold Lion," the first track/single from *Show Your Bones*, opens with a simple one-two-three drum beat and acoustic guitar before O begins to chant "Gold Lion's gonna tell me where the light is." The sound of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs of old is not entirely absent on *Bones*. In songs like "Way Out" and "Turn Into," the distorted yet soothingly melodic guitar work by Zinner is now balanced with acoustic strumming.

The repetitive rapid fire two or three notes Zinner was famous for are absent in the songs "Mysteries" and "Dudly," favoring layered guitar melodies instead. Sadly, it seems that the complex jazz-esque drumming style Chase gave on *Fever to Tell* was not needed on the new album, and instead he

has kept the beats simple and aggressive. "Cheated Hearts" has many of the same epic qualities of "Maps," replacing desperate love with a confession and fear that Karen O has become "bigger than the sound."

What has always been captivating about the Yeah Yeah Yeahs is their honesty. The first album exuded such blatant energy and sexuality; O's lyrics and voice had the ability to be alarmingly honest in some songs and innocently naïve in others. The honesty on *Show Your Bones* is still very present, this time manifesting itself in very different ways. There is a sadness and confidence found in the new album. Interviews have revealed that they're facing inner turmoil as the success has caused splits in friendships. Yet, at the same time, they've taken the opportunity to be bold and fearless in giving their all for the album.

What's great about *Show Your Bones* is that the Yeahs have grown confident enough to do what they want. Karen O still has moments where she's screaming her head off, but those moments are all the more memorable when they're juxtaposed with her delicate crooning. The Yeah Yeah Yeahs will be playing to a sold out crowd at D.C.'s 9:30 club Monday, April 3.

The Appleseed Cast — *Peregrine*

2006 The Militia Group
 ★ ★ ★ (out of 5)

At first listen, the Appleseed Cast's melodic mix of weighty percussion, subtle chords, steady rhythms, nuanced effects, and smooth croons come across like subdued alt-rock in the vein of erstwhile "emo" namesakes Mineral and Sunny Day Real Estate.

But fear not: the Applesced Cast are (thankfully) unencumbered by the self-indulgent whining and pointless, contrived screams that beleaguer modern adherents to the oft-disputed sub-genre.

While staying true to the divergent melodies and narrative lyrics of their mid-90's forebears, the Kansas foursome of the Applesced Cast also imitate a wide variety of contemporary experimental and post-rock outfits.

This is especially evident with their heavy use of guitar and vocal distortions, percussive change-ups, and instrumental breakdowns reminiscent of acts like Sharks Keep Moving, American Football, Lovedrug, Pinback, and Minus the Bear.

Introductory comparisons aside, the Appleseed Cast's newest full-length effort, *Peregrine*, opens with the slow-developing instrumental track, "Ceremony." After a calm minute of picked guitar, the track stutters and explodes into a controlled mess of feedback, delay, and ride-heavy percussion.

This tactic of prolonging a track's peak continues with "Woodland Hunter (Part 1)," as its lo-fi musings eventually jump from a simple three-chord riff and low-lying vox to a full-band assault of guitars, bass, crash, toms, and a slew of effects.

But, for all of their upbeat antics, the Appleseed Cast's lyrics are decidedly mellow and meditative. Consider the determined acoustic guitar and drum-fueled despondency of "Here We Are (Family in the Hallways)":

"With false fronts and shattered dreams / we don't care, it's all we are / all we are is watching / all we are is crazy / we are standing on a road / on a road to nowhere / there's a place for all of this / they don't care, we don't care / you can't break us down."

"Silas' Knife" introduces some classic rock nuance to the mix with bluesy riffs, a slide guitar, and some organ accents before segueing into the synth/techno beat of "Mountain Halo."

Ethereal track "Sunlit Ascending" features delayed, layered guitar chords and



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The Appleseed Cast may not be revolutionary, but at least manage to be highly listenable. The music itself is light and upbeat, but the lyrics present more depth than their sound would lead one to expect.

synth overtop a steady rhythm section (think Sparta). Next, "February" emphasizes its bass and synth effects for a sound not unlike a mix of American dance-rock (à la the Killers) and the ubiquitous arpeggios of British guitar rock.

The guitar-driven ambience of follow-up instrumental track "An Orange and a Blue" hints at celebrated post-rockers like Explosions in the Sky and Tortoise. Similarly, the flowing guitar intro on "Song 3" is an e-bow and an Iclander short of Sigur Rós-ian grandeur.

The reprised rhythms, heavy percussion, and vamped vox of "Woodland Hunter (Part 2)" seemingly give a wink-and-nod to Death Cab's Ben Gibbard. Guitar-centric hard-rockers "Peregrine" and "A Fate Delivered" dial it up to, um... 7, maybe 7½, before settling back into a Mogwai-esque post-rock outro with "The Clock and the Storm."

Remarkably, the Appleseed Cast's myriad stylistic influences come together to form a rather cohesive album. Patchwork though it may be, you'll be hard-pressed to find the seams in *Peregrine*.

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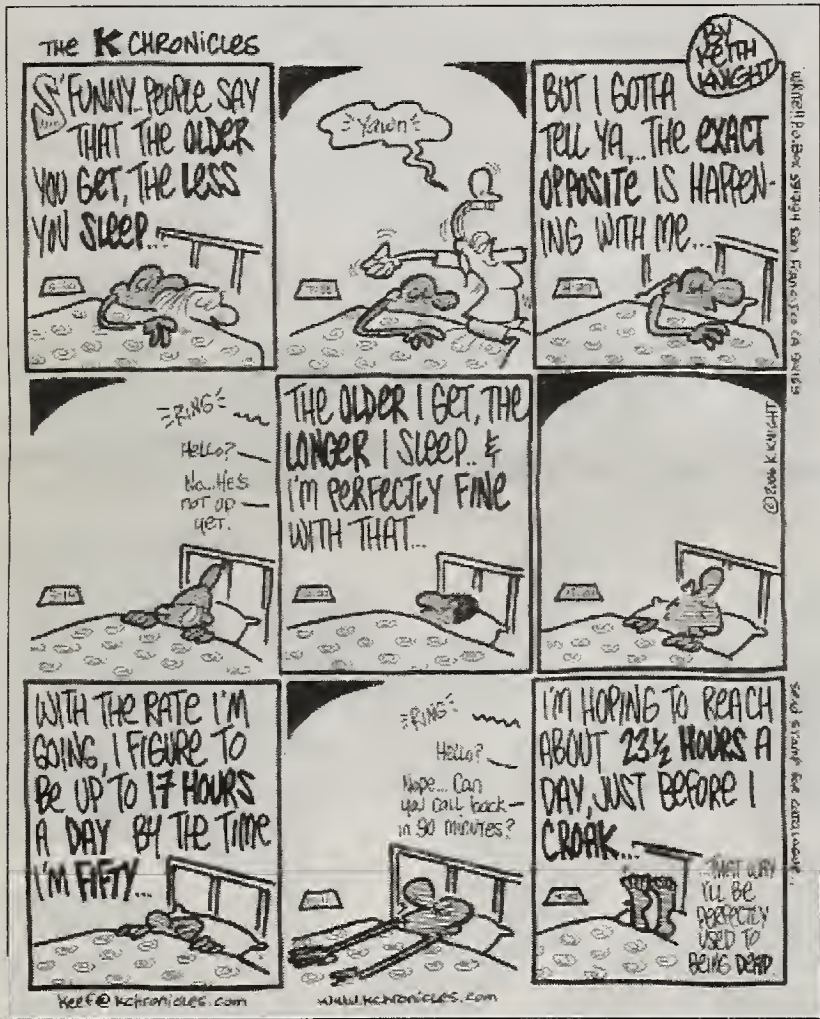
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Aries (March 21-April 20) Early this week, a close friend may reveal an important deadline or offer a rare social ultimatum. Planned celebrations, commitment to public

present, both loved ones and close friends are unlikely to understanding the full implications of their comments or actions. Friday through Sunday highlight

private discussions with younger friends or siblings. Key issues involve lifestyle changes or serious family

decisions: stay sharp.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Before mid-week, a long-term friend may require private and controversial advice. Areas of concern are addictive behaviors, emotional triangles and unproductive relationships. Listen and react with honesty: detailed observations and a sincere discussion of recent events may prove extremely useful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Complex workplace alliances and new team assignments will this week offer a rare view of private opinions. Someone close may no longer trust the judgment of experienced

colleagues or managers. Probe for unique facts or hidden social information: yesterday's business history may soon prove unexpectedly revealing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A past acquaintance may soon ask for renewed trust or a second chance. Yesterday's disappointments may have been more deeply felt than anticipated: after Tuesday, watch for old friends to offer lingering memories or surprising descriptions of past events. Go slow and wait for clear signs of progress.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Family gatherings will require special planning over the next 11 days. Don't be dissuaded: at present, loved ones may need extra time to realize the importance of home commitments and long-term relationships. Remain patient and watch for steady improvement. After Thursday, an old friend or lover may request financial advice.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic and social intrigue are

now on the rise. Private flirtations will be quickly noticed or exposed: avoid bold affections, excessive humor or public disclosures of delicate information. Friday through Sunday, an older relative may demand extra dedication or added family commitment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Love affairs and subtle flirtations may this week demand public acknowledgement. Over the next few days, a recently shy or withdrawn friends may actively seek group approval or acceptance. Withheld passions will now tend to emerge: remain sensitive and take extra time to clarify expectations, emotional goals or social boundaries.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) After Tuesday, older colleagues will not accept revised team information, new assignments or creative business methods. Allow authority figures to handled all disagreements or cancelled projects: by early next week, reliable goals and group harmony will again be established. Later this

week, a withdrawn relative may ask probing questions. Respond honestly.

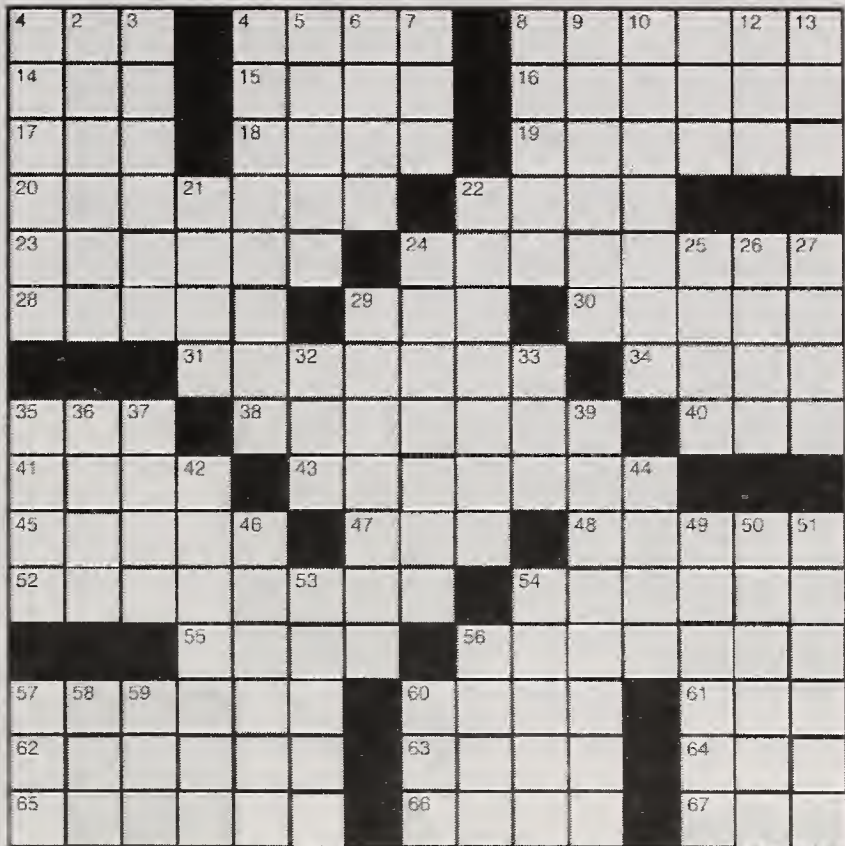
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) A cautious approach to legal paperwork will ensure the desired results. Friday through Sunday, a previously silent friend or relative may request delicate family advice. Encourage new ideas: your past experience will provide guidance.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Before mid-week, romantic partners or older relatives may be temperamental or distrustful of group invitations. Emotional outbursts are intense but short-lived: remain optimistic but watch for minor indications of lingering doubt.

If your birthday is this week: Loved ones may rely heavily on your discretion over the next few months. Postponed issues of emotional security will now demand your full attention. Remain determined to publicly acknowledge your needs, plans and long-term goals.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Gen. Arnold's nickname
 - 4 Dramatic piece
 - 8 Go-ahead
 - 14 Everything
 - 15 Eternal City
 - 16 Showed mercy
 - 17 Mineral spring
 - 18 Death note
 - 19 Tendons
 - 20 Changed gears
 - 22 Repair
 - 23 Long-handled servers
 - 24 News magazine show
 - 28 Double bends
 - 29 Hogan or Crenshaw
 - 30 Yesterday's follower
 - 31 Takes the offensive
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 - 40 Gatos, CA
 - 41 Pod veggies
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 - 45 Philadelphia footballer
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 - 54 Simoleons
 - 55 Hint
 - 56 Large cup
 - 57 Judy of the LPGA
 - 60 Habitat
 - 61 Place for cranberries
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 - 63 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
 - 64 Affirmative vote
 - 65 Card game or suit
 - 66 Numerous
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- DOWN
- 1 Annoying inconvenience
 - 2 Greek letters
 - 3 Tartan patterns
 - 4 Deprecations
 - 5 Ear parts
 - 6 Surrounded by
 - 7 Still
 - 8 Valuable quality
 - 9 Small upright piano
 - 10 Urban baseball site
 - 11 Palindromic before
 - 12 Unused
 - 13 NFL scores
 - 21 Market type
 - 22 The human race
 - 24 Gradual deterioration
 - 25 False god
 - 26 W. alliance
 - 27 Sense organs
 - 29 Bombardment
 - 32 Pull at
 - 33 Bigwig in D.C.
 - 35 Mimicked
 - 36 Burn slightly
 - 37 Heroic narrative
 - 39 Purifying plant
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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 56 Forum wear
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- 60 That guy

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

events or financial participation may be a key source of tension.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Home rules, social agreements, and daily duties now need to be improved. Over the next few days, close friends or relatives may not provide sufficient assistance or support. Group negotiations and a candid discussion of time schedules will be helpful: make sure loved ones appreciated your restrictions, emotional boundaries and short-term expectations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Over the next 11 days, public events may be scattered or easily disrupted. Take none of it personally: at



LOYOLA ATHLETICS

Loyola's Corey Coffman looks for an open teammate earlier this season. Coffman had a goal and an assist versus UMass on Saturday.

LC golf cuts Greyhounds drop third consecutive loss to Hofstra

short due to weather

BY BOB HINKEY
STAFF WRITER

Junior Will Shriver shot a two under 69 to tie for first place individually as the Loyola College golf team finished tied for tenth in the rain-shortened William and Mary Intercollegiate tournament, Monday March 20.

The event was scheduled for two rounds, but the second round was called because of inclement weather.

The team scored an 18-over par (302), leaving them tied with St. John's and William and Mary in tenth place. The Hounds were ten shots behind champions Liberty.

Shriver's round tied him with Josh Anderson of St. Bonaventure and Brent Paladino of William & Mary for the lowest rounds of the day, but was denied the individual medal because of a mathematical tiebreaker. That award went to Anderson.

When assessing his play, Shriver attributes his recent performance to improved putting and good iron play.

"My putting has improved greatly recently, and I've been hitting my irons progressively better," Shriver said. "I hit them extremely well this week."

Freshman Michael Mulieri followed up his individual victory in Florida from the previous week with a solid even par 71 for the day. He continues to be one of the Greyhounds' strongest players. Sophomores Matt Bassler and Nick Brassil both had rounds of 81. Fellow sophomore Chris Derby had an 82.

BY MIKE TIRONE
SPORTS EDITOR

Allowing Hofstra to reach the 20-goal plateau and the Pride's most goals since their 2000 season, the No. 20 Loyola women's lacrosse team dropped its third straight game in Hempstead, NY on Sunday, 20-13.

Hofstra's Kimberley Hillier got on the board quickly with an unassisted goal just eight seconds into the contest. Less than a minute later, junior Kate McHarg responded with a goal of her own. Both teams swapped goals again, as the Pride's Casey McGrath tacked on a goal only for senior Stephanie Walker to answer with her only goal of the game knotting the match at two with over 18 minutes to play.

Hofstra sparked a run that would propel them to a strong lead, which they held the entire match. Heather Albrow started the five goal spurt that included five different scorers in the 18:10 mark. The Pride got goals from Jamie Rabuano, Hillier, and Jen Bach, until sophomore Greyhound Kate Filippelli was assisted by fellow classmate Emily Lawrence to quiet the Pride's run and make it a 7-3 deficit.

"We learn from past games if we get down [early] like that," McHarg said. "We just have to keep telling ourselves that it's a long way to go in the game. We always believe we can comeback from any deficit."

With 12:24 to play until halftime, McGrath grabbed her second goal as she maneuvered past the Loyola defense to get past freshman Alex Piraino. Sophomore Maura Kenny, brought the Hounds back, 7-4 with a goal off of the free position.

Both teams went on a brief two

UMass spoils LC comeback

BY DAVE LOMONICO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Loyola's loss to 10th ranked UMass was much less devastating than the loss of the Hounds' leading scorer, Pat Kennedy in the fourth quarter of the 14-9 game Saturday.

The Loyola offense scored only once in the first half, but came out with a bang to start the second half as junior attackman Ryan Rabidou, junior midfielder Cory Coffman, and sophomore middie Paul Richards all connected in the first two minutes of the third quarter to tie the score at four.

However, the tenth ranked Massachusetts Minutemen were too tough for the Hounds on Saturday, putting up five unanswered goals to thwart Loyola's comeback. It was a game of runs, and every time the 19th ranked Greyhounds drew close, UMass (6-1, 1-0 Eastern Coastal Athletic Conference) had an answer as they sunk Loyola 14-9. Saturday's loss, dropping Loyola

to 3-3, 2-1 in the ECAC, was the first time the Hounds have lost a game to the Minutemen in nine years.

Both defenses performed almost perfectly in the first quarter as UMass and Loyola each ended up with one goal apiece. Senior goalie Michael Fretwell allowed UMass to score at the 8:26 mark, which, at the time gave the Minutemen a brief 1-0 lead. Less than two minutes later, junior middie Andrew Spack tied the game off a pass from Coffman. Otherwise, the first quarter was dominated by the defenses and both team's goalies, who recorded five saves each.

"We couldn't seem to find the back of the net," said Ryan Rabidou, who stepped up with two goals. "You have to be able to finish and we didn't do that today."

The Minutemen began to break out of their scoring drought in the second quarter as they notched two quick, unassisted goals in the first six minutes of the half and a third goal five minutes later in a 3-

0 UMass run. Despite taking nine shots in the quarter, as opposed to only six for UMass, the Hounds failed to score leaving them with a 4-1 halftime deficit. The freshman goalie for the Minutemen, Doc Schneider, frustrated the Hounds all day, recording 19 saves while allowing only seven goals.

"Early on we played good defense, got some great looks [on offense] but just couldn't score," said head coach Charley Toomey. "You got to give their goalie credit; he set the tone."

Loyola caught a break when UMass committed a penalty with 14 seconds left in the first half, giving the Hounds a man-up to begin the second half. After taking the face-off, the Loyola offense went to work as they quickly responded to beat Schneider three times for the 4-4 tie.

The energy was short lived for the Greyhounds, who surrendered four goals in a two minute period making the score 8-4 with 10:14 to go in the third quarter. The Loyola

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KRISTEN BOISE/ GREYHOUND

Loyola's Emily Lawrence sprints after James Madison's Julie Stone in last Wednesday's 14-8 loss at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field. On Sunday, the Hounds lost their third straight contest to Hofstra 20-13.

goal run, starting with the Pride in the 21st minute of play. Catherine Guerriere and Hillier both netted an unassisted goal, only for McHarg and Filippelli to answer, bringing the score into halftime at 9-5 in favor of Hofstra.

The momentum looked to be going the Greyhounds' way in the start of the second half, as Filippelli tossed in last of her three goals on the day, bringing Loyola within three of the Hofstra lead.

Headed by McGrath, the Pride shot out to another 5-0 run, deflating the Hounds' progressive chipping away at the deficit. McGrath scored three of the five goals in the run that took only 3:36 to accomplish. Just when hopes for a comeback looked sparse, McHarg scored two quick goals, while Sydney Greene and Kenny each tallied a goal, bringing the

Hounds' within four once again, 14-10.

Hofstra halted the Loyola run at 15:26 as Guerriere scored in the free position. After another goal for Greene, the Pride broke out with a 3-0 run, taking an 18-11 advantage with 11 minutes left in the match. Freshman Alicyn Brunnett's goal brought the Hounds down by six at the 6:17 mark, but was answered by two Pride goals. Greene tallied the Hounds' final goal, and her third of the day, with 23 seconds remaining, closing out the game with a 20-13 loss.

"We had some great runs, especially towards the end of the game," McHarg said. "It opened up a few opportunities for us."

McGrath led all scorers with six, with Hillier added four to her name. McHarg led the Greyhounds with four goals while Greene grabbed

three. Kenny and Filippelli both put in two apiece. Piraino was credited with six saves in cage for Hounds.

Hofstra sprung to 3-4 on the season, while Loyola fell to 3-5.

On a bitterly cold day at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field last Wednesday, the Hounds couldn't stop No. 17 James Madison's star Kelly Berger and her game leading five goals, as they fell to the Dukes 14-8.

Two minutes into the game, Berger started the scoring to give James Madison the early 1-0 lead. McHarg evened the score seven minutes later with a laser from outside the 12 meter, to knot the game at one.

Both teams battled for the momentum, and the Dukes grabbed hold of it first scoring five

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Loyola sweeps the Seahawks

By KATE LEPLEY
STAFF WRITER

Both the Loyola men's and women's tennis teams continued their winning ways by sweeping Wagner on Saturday afternoon. Each team won 7-0 to leave the men's season record at 6-5 and the women at 6-2.

For the women, Amy Nitch and Jessica Libertore grabbed a win in their No. 1 doubles' match with a score of 8-3. The Hounds breezed to 8-0 victories in No. 2 and No. 3 doubles' play. Stefanie Clay and Mallory Tarca swept in the No. 2 doubles play while Meaghan McKenna and Laura Cuti took the victory for Loyola at No. 3.

In singles play, Nitch cleaned up at No. 1 with a 6-0, 6-0 score. Libertore topped the Seahawks' Maire Phillpots 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2. The rest of the Greyhounds respectively won their singles matches as McKenna won at No. 3 (6-0, 6-1) while Clay, Tarca, and Cuti rounded out the No. 4 through No. 6 spots.

On the men's side of play, sophomore Scott Gannon came out victorious in a tedious No. 1 singles match, topping Wagner's Steve Johnson 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Freshman Sean Wall won in straight sets at the No. 2 singles spot. Sophomore Ben Epstein, coming off of a slight injury earlier in the week, won his No. 3 singles match (6-1, 6-1). It only took straight sets for fellow sophomore Chad Morrow (No. 4) and freshman Sean Kraft (No. 5) to win in their singles' matches.

Gannon and Epstein took the No. 1 match in doubles' play 8-3 while Wall and Morrow won in the No. 2 match, 8-4.

Both the men's and women's teams pulled



FILE PHOTO

Scott Gannon led Loyola to a win Sunday.

out wins at Friday's match away at Delaware State, each winning 6-1. The women's singles was decided by eight-game pro sets where the Hounds won second through sixth singles.

Head coach Rick McClure recently stated that "the doubles point is going to decide a lot of our matches this season." At the No. 1 doubles position, Nitch and Libertore have the opportunity to make their clutch play also record breaking. "They could leave Loyola with the most wins in a career playing with the same partner. This is their second year playing together at the No. 1 spot."

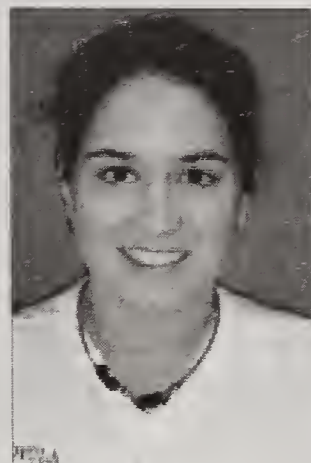
The women's doubles stood by the confident words of their coach, as Nitch and Libertore were very strong winning 8-4. The other standout performance for the Hounds was the team of Clay and Tarca who won 8-0 at their second doubles position. After a disappointing loss earlier in the week,

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

After being named Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference women's tennis player of the week last week, sophomore Meaghan McKenna continued her solid singles play this week as she helped the team in their victories over Wagner and Delaware St. Last week, McKenna won her singles match at Mt. St. Mary's 6-3, 6-2 and followed that up with a singles win over La Salle in straight sets as well as a doubles win en route to the MAAC Player of the Week award.

On March 25 Loyola defeated Wagner 7-0 and McKenna won in straight sets (6-0, 6-1) at No. 3 and then teamed with doubles partner senior Laura Cuti for another victory at No. 3. In the March 24 match against Delaware St., McKenna helped her team cruise to a 6-1 victory as she once again won her singles match-up at No.3. McKenna has now won five straight singles matches, making her 8-5 overall in singles this year.

The women's tennis team now holds a solid 6-2 record heading into their match against Hofstra this Thursday at 3 p.m.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Meaghan McKenna
Sophomore

the men pulled themselves together to provide tough competition for Delaware State. The doubles point was conquered when both the No. 1 and 2 doubles teams beat their opponents. Just as the women did, the men's No. 2 through 6 singles all won, providing for their 6-1 victory.

"We are gaining valuable experience with every match," McClure mentioned. "What this team might lack in college experience they make-up with a great spirit, effort, camaraderie and love of the game." The men's team loss against George Mason

in Fairfax, Va. left them with a 4-5 season record up to this point. The men's team was only playing with five players and lost the match 5-1. Two of the lost points that went to George Mason were by default due to when Epstein pulled out of the match due to injury. The only point that Loyola earned was at the No. 3 singles spot by Wall.

"Right now I'm playing pretty well," Wall commented. "We've lost a couple matches so far this season but that just makes us more determined to pull out wins the rest of the season."

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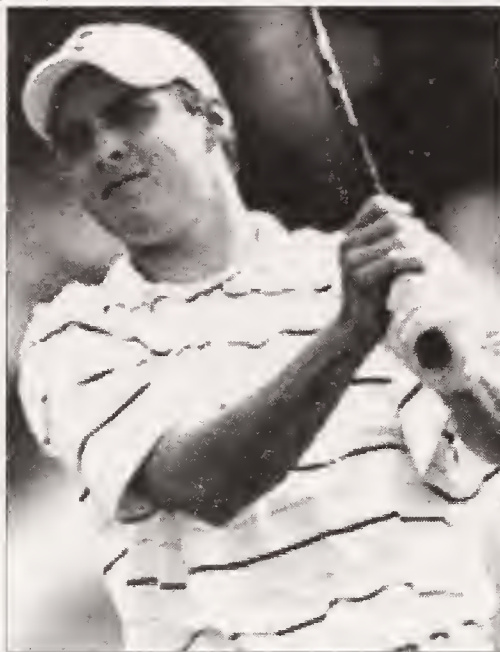
Shriver ties at 1st

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Next month, the Greyhounds will go for their fourth straight Metro-Atlantic Athletics Conference championship, and will play their final two tournaments with the intension of gearing up for that weekend.

"We definitely still have some work to do [to get ready], but we feel confident with our position and are not too worried," Shriver said.

The team will be back on the road this weekend of April 1-2. They will travel to Salisbury, Md. to compete in the Drew Upton Invitational. The Hounds won the event last year and are hoping to achieve the same success this year after a solid spring season begins to wind down.



LOYOLA ATHLETICS

Junior Will Shriver leads the Hounds.

Kennedy falls injured late in game; out for the season

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defensive lull continued as the Minutemen connected five minutes later for their fifth unanswered score, widening the gap to 9-4 with 5:02 left in the third.

It was at this point when Loyola's leading scorer, junior attackman Pat Kennedy stepped up with two straight goals bringing the game to within three. However, the momentum that Kennedy gave Loyola was quickly vanquished in the waning moments of the third quarter when the Greyhounds were dealt a devastating blow as Kennedy went down with an ankle-injury after he was tangled up in a scramble near the midline.

Kennedy was sent home for x-rays, but according to Toomey, Kennedy could be out for the season.

"Pat is our main finisher; we look to get the ball to him and find him in transition," said Rabidou. "The loss of our best shooter and a leader like Pat is going to hurt."

Loyola obviously felt the effects of Kennedy's loss going into the fourth

quarter as the Minutemen took over and demoralized the Hounds in the opening minutes.

UMass scored five more unanswered goals including four in the first five minutes of the quarter. With the game out of reach at 14-6, Kennedy's freshman backup, Michael Crimmins, scored off a feed from junior attackman Dan Bauers to give Loyola a little spark. Junior midfielder Greg Leonard and Ryan Rabidou closed out the game with two goals against the UMass backups, but the Minutemen were already cruising in the 14-9 victory.

Loyola is going to feel the loss of Kennedy, especially in their next match-up at Syracuse in the Carrier Dome next Saturday at 4 p.m. The Hounds will have to make adjustments on offense to compensate for the loss of one of their leaders.

"Crimmins has to step in and play well," said Bauers. "Ryan and I have to step it up along with the middies if we're going to score."

McHarg and Kenny net hat tricks in loss to James Madison, 14-8

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consecutive goals over six minutes of play. Berger, and teammates Lynlea Cronin, Brooke McKenzie and Julie Stone all contributed to James Madison's 6-1 lead with 15:44 remaining in the half.

When looking for a strategy in a situation falling behind early in the contest, O'Day said "From there it has to be one goal at a time, you have to narrow the margin of the lead. Keep the game simple but also having to execute."

A quick pause from the Dukes' run was made by Loyola's Walker as she scored with an unassisted goal 20 seconds later. James Madison came back to score the next three goals to take a commanding 9-2 lead with the help McKenzie and teammate Colleen O'Keefe, who scored twice in the spurt.

Loyola cut the lead to 9-4 before halftime, as Kenny tallied a goal with just minutes left, and Walker added another to her name off of the free position.

"We knew what we had to do. We knew that team inside and out," Kenny said. "We just didn't stay consistent."

Coming out in the second half, Berger widened the Duke lead to 11-3 with a pair of goals fewer than five minutes into play in the second stanza. McHarg answered back, cutting the advantage to 11-4 before James Madison's Emily Haller and Stone both tacked on a goal. Walker found a cutting

Kenny in front of the cage to chip away at the margin. McHarg added her third goal on the day just 2:33 later, bringing the score to 13-7. Both teams exchanged scores to close out the match with a 14-8 final.

"We fought very hard," McHarg said. "But I don't think we executed very well. We need to change up our shots, recognize what isn't working, and change it."

McHarg and Kenny were credited with hats tricks as McKenzie led the game with five goals and an assist. Walker grabbed two goals and an assist while Cindy Nicolaus had one assist.

In the cage, Piraino had 13 saves, the most of her collegiate career, while the Duke's keeper Livvy King had five saves.

"Alex is especially tough," O'Day said. "At halftime she said she is going to have an even better half and I think she did."

Loyola is on the road tomorrow versus George Mason in Fairfax, Va. at 7 p.m. and then up to State College, Penn. to take on the talented Nittany Lions of Penn State on Sunday April 2 at 1 p.m.

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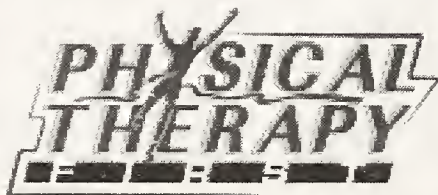
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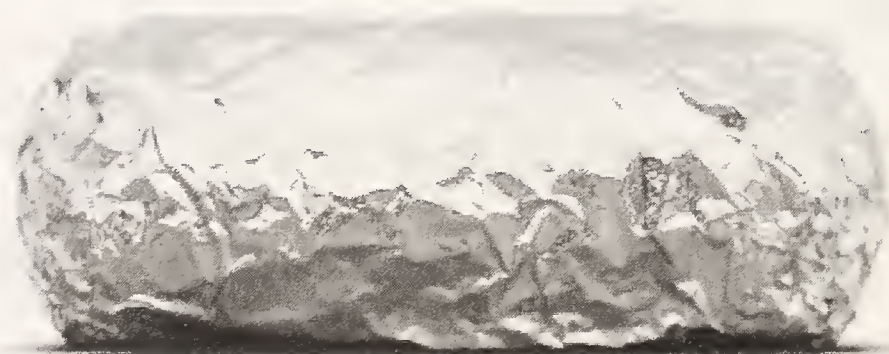
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MLB Preview: Pujols looks to lead the Cards in the NL again

As March comes to a close, and my days at Field's and Swallow's become fewer and fewer, all of us at Mortal Tombat hope that you're brackets are still in tact. But if you are like me and had a little too much faith in J.J. Redick and Adam Morrison, then you are welcoming in April and the start of the

TOM CONNELLY



MORTAL TOMBAT

baseball season. My faithful readers must be shocked by yet another baseball article. But this one comes with loaded predictions, little mention of Barry Bonds and flimsy writing, so maybe it's not that different.

With my partner in crime, Greg, writing about the AL, I am simply delighted to bring you the preview of the Nation League. Just like every other year, there has been plenty of movement around the league. Clemens is still at home, Nomar is a baseman in LA and Alfonso Soriano has been literally dragged out to left field in DC. But the more things change, the more they stay the same; the Braves and Cardinals again have to be mentioned as the best teams in the league. Let it be known that these predictions were harder to make than my laminated wallet size Top Three Girls list.

NLEAST: Besides the Blue Jays, the team getting the most off-season press time was the New York Mets. With the acquisitions

of Billy Wagner and Carlos Delgado, many have the Mets taking the NL East crown. Unfortunately for the Mets, The Braves losing the division is rarer than a gorilla suit wearing Amish man. The Braves still have the best pitching staff in the division, which is still anchored by John Smoltz and Tim Hudson. As for the best lineup, that goes to the Phillies.

The City of Brotherly Love has a club who are loaded from top to bottom with youngsters Chase Utley and Ryan Howard mixing with veterans Bobby Abreu, Jimmy Rollins, and Pat Burrell. With the Marlins doing their tri-centennial fire sale, that leaves the Nationals as the last competitive team in the division. Look for them to be better

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—Tom Connelly

than expected, but to falter late in the toughest division in baseball. The name of the game is pitching, and this division will come down to one man's extremity: Pedro's toe. With his health as uncertain as Victor Zambrano's control, this is how I think the division shakes out: 1. Braves 2. Mets (Wild Card) 3. Phillies 4. Nationals 5. Marlins

NL CENTRAL: Last year, the Cardinals were the best team in the regular season, with a Cy Young Award winner in Chris Carpenter and an MVP in Albert Pujols. However, in the postseason their bats fell to the Astros superior pitching. This season, the Astros are a Hall of Famer lighter, with Roger Clemens yet to confirm or deny his retirement. Look for the Cardinals to again be the best team in baseball, with Mark Mulder achieving more in his second year



LAURIE SKRIVAN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Houston Astros' Andy Pettitte hurls in a pitch to 2005 MVP Albert Pujols last season.

in the Midwest. Also, look for Clemens to come back to the Astros in the middle of the season in order to resurrect their season. However, their lack of power in their lineup will keep them out of the playoffs. The success of the Cubs and Brewers will depend heavily on the health of their front line pitchers. Mark Prior and Ben Sheets have incredible talents but a long list of ailments. Look for the Cubs, with their addition of Juan Pierre and Brewers, with their young talent like Rickie Weeks to hang with the Astros and Cardinals for most of the season. Finally, sorry Pirates and Reds fans, this is again not your year to even challenge the .500 mark. Prediction: 1. Cardinals 2. Cubs (if Prior is healthy) 3. Astros 4. Brewers 5. Pirates 6. Reds

NL WEST: Finally, the NL West, which last year represented one of the worst divisions in Major League history. The Padres won the division with a record just barely over .500 (82-80). This will not happen this year with the Giants healthier and the Dodgers much improved. The Giants will have their best pitcher, Jason Schmidt and best hitter, Barry Bonds (hold the boos for

now) back in the fold. Los Angeles signed the Red Sox infield from 2001 in Bill Mueller and Nomar Garciaparra. Look for the Padres to taper off, despite an awesome season from their No. one starter Jake Peavy. Also, don't even look at the Diamondbacks and Rockies, because they will not be competitive until their top prospects start entering the major leagues (hello Stephen Drew). The Giants will just beat out the renewed Dodgers in Barry Bonds' final show. Prediction: 1. Giants 2. Dodgers 3. Padres 4. Diamondbacks 5. Rockies.

Some more final predictions for the upcoming year: The MVP will again be awarded to Mr. Albert Pujols as he makes he's push to be the game's first likeable superstar since the steroids era. The Cy Young will be a bit of a tighter race with Jake Peavy narrowly defeating the likes of Pedro Martinez and Carlos Zambrano. Finally, the Marlins won't have a completely worthless season, as their young star Jeremy Hermida wins the Rookie of the Year. There, now you folks don't even need to watch the season, I just saved you 12 bucks a month for MLB TV.

MLB Preview: The AL has the same parity but new faces in '06

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about time for me to make a fool of myself with my 2006 American League predictions. Here goes:

AL MVP: IB Mark Teixeira, Texas Rangers. Keep in mind, there are many players that would be an easier choice here than Mr. Teixeira, namely A-Rod, David Ortiz, and Vladimir Guerrero. However, Teixeira is also

a worthy candidate, and I believe this could be his year to step out onto center stage.

Over the last two years, Teixeira has quietly hit 81 home runs and driven in 256 runs. These numbers are on par with the numbers put up by the names I mentioned above. At the young age of 25, Teixeira is now primed to have his best year yet, and he is now surrounded by his best team yet. Expect the Rangers to be in the wild card race until the end, and expect Teixeira to get a ton of credit for it.

AL CY YOUNG: SP Rich Harden, Oakland A's

It might seem risky to take a guy with 26 career wins and pick him as a Cy Young favorite. Harden, however, looks like a pitcher who is worth the risk.

The 24 year-old Harden has an electric fastball, as well as a nasty changeup, and has decreased his walks and hits per game in every year of his young career. Assuming Harden can stay healthy for an entire season, he should be the best pitcher on the best team in the AL West. While pitchers like Johan Santana and Roy Halladay, assuming he can also stay healthy, will give him a run for his money, expect Harden to grab the first piece of hardware of his young career.

AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: CF Brian Anderson, Chicago White Sox

I figure the defending-champion White Sox had to see something in Anderson if they were eager and willing to give him the job in center field. Anderson has been touted

as a multi-tool player who can hit for average and power, as well as providing solid defense in center. The lineup surrounding Anderson should give him the opportunity to thrive. The Twins Francisco Liriano and the Red Sox Jonathan Papelbon will push him, but I think Anderson will win it.

AL EAST: As much as it pains me, it is impossible for me not to make the New York

Yankees my winner in the AL East. While Randy Johnson and Mike Mussina compose an old front of the rotation, the Yankees now have significant depth in case age catches up to them. The lineup is also only better with the addition of Johnny Damon. Their one concern may be at setup man, where Kyle Farnsworth will try to take the place of Tom Gordon. However, this will not stop them from once again ruling the AL East.

I think the Red Sox will still finish second despite their numerous changes, including the addition of Josh Beckett and Coco Crisp, but will fail to win the wild card. Revamped Toronto will finish third and beat up on the Red Sox enough to keep them out of the playoffs. The Orioles should spend another year in fourth, while the Devil Rays will once again languish in last. Fear not Rays fans, Scott Kazmir will be great one day.

AL CENTRAL: The White Sox will not be sneaking up on anybody this year, but that will not matter much. The Sox still have their four horses from last year's winning rotation and they now add Javier Vazquez to the mix. Resigning Paul Konerko was a priority, and GM Ken Williams got it done.

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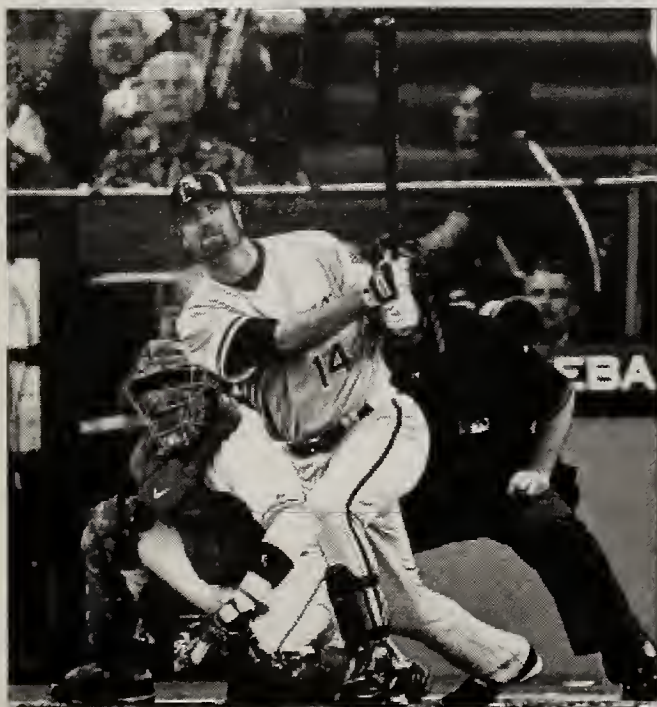
This means the lineup is mostly the same, except for the addition of Jim Thome, who can only be a positive surprise as a designated hitter. While the White Sox will win the division, expect the Indians to win the wild card. C.C. Sabathia, Cliff Lee, and

J a k e Westbrook anchor a very good rotation, and new addition Paul Byrd will fit right in. Grady Sizemore and

Travis Hafner will be the keys to the lineup, and the Tribe must hope Bob Wickman can be as good of a closer as he was last year. The Twins will be in the playoff race for a while thanks to their starting pitching, but should finish in third place. Jim Leyland's Tigers should still finish fourth and the Royals will once again finish in last.

AL WEST: The A's starting pitching has always been solid, and is now even more so with the addition of Esteban Loaiza. While the hitting is not great, Milton Bradley and Frank Thomas are nice additions and should help out Eric Chavez and company in the hitting department. While the Angels still have Vlad and a great bullpen, that should only be enough to put them in second and behind the Indians in the wild card race. They can thank the Rangers in part for that, who, thanks to new pitchers Kevin Millwood, Vicente Padilla, and Adam Eaton, will also be in the wild card hunt despite ending up in third in the West. The Mariners will be way behind the top three, finishing in last.

Whew. That was exhausting. Now let's sit back and watch as none of these predictions come true.



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White Sox slugger Paul Konerko jacks a home run as Angels' catcher, Benji Molina watches in the NLCS.

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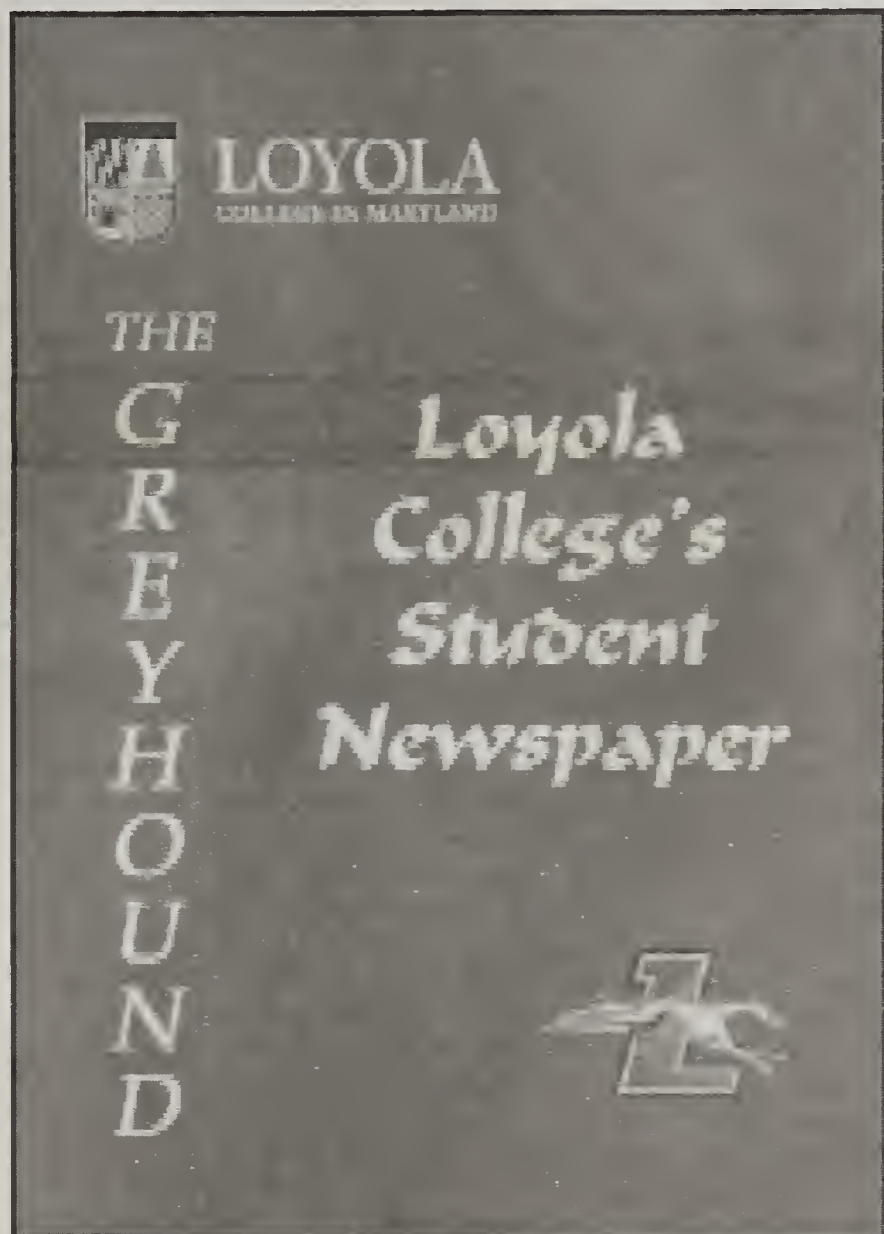
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